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The National Security Legislation Monitor: A Public Seminar

Wednesday 30 May 2012 5.30 - 6.30pm, refreshments served from 5pm

Mr Bret Walker SC

Physics Lecture Theatre DNF Dunbar Building, building 39, Science Road ANU



The Australian Government established the position of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor in response to recommendations from the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security, the Independent Security Legislation Review Committee (the Sheller Committee) and the Clarke Inquiry into the case of Dr Mohamed Haneef.

The Monitor plays an important role in making sure Australia's enforcement and intelligence agencies have the powers they need to prevent terrorist acts from occurring. The Monitor also makes sure that these laws remain necessary, consistent with Australia's international obligations and protect the rights of individuals.

Mr Bret Walker SC was appointed as the first Independent National Security Legislation Monitor in April 2011. He is charged with reviewing the operation, effectiveness and implications of Australia's counter-terrorism and national security legislation on an ongoing basis. He recently submitted his first report to Government, which covers the first two months of his appointment.

Mr Walker brings an outstanding portfolio of appointments and achievements to this role. His practice is varied, and includes appellate advocacy, and equity/commercial, administrative and Constitutional law. Mr Walker has also been involved in a number of important committees and inquiries, including the 2007 inquiry into Sydney Ferries. He has been president of the NSW Bar Association, president of the Law Council of Australia, Governor of the Law Foundation of NSW, a Foundation Member and Director of the Australian Academy of Law, a Member of the NSW Health Clinical Ethics Advisory Panel and editor of the NSW Law Reports. In addition to his full legal career, Mr Walker has served in community roles including being on the Board of the Sydney Writers' Festival.

In his first public address since completing his first Annual Report, Mr Walker will describe his role, highlight questions raised by Australia's counter-terrorism and national security laws as these exist today, and to describe his personal work agenda for the immediate future. After this presentation, a moderated question and answer session will be conducted on the topic.

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