

Search for your Rights!

ARE YOU READY TO HAVE YOUR RIGHTS
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On April 20th there will be a rally against the Barnett Government's proposed 'stop and search' laws.

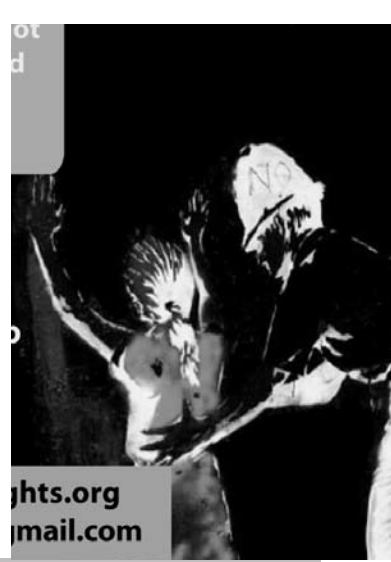
These laws propose to remove the requirement of 'reasonable suspicion' for police searches.

These laws, if passed, will remove one of your basic civil rights. Currently if a police officer wants to search you they must be able to show that they had 'reasonable suspicion' that you may be concealing objects pertaining to a crime.

Removing the requirement of 'reasonable suspicion', does nothing but legalise unreasonable searches. Police already have wide powers to search suspects but if these laws come in you should all be prepared to be thoroughly frisked. This will be effective not only in Northbridge but anywhere the commissioner decides on- be it Cottesloe beach or outside Claremont showgrounds.

All of the evidence shows that these laws will not decrease crime. Rather they will increase community disunity, legalise harassment, and strip everyday citizens of their rights. 'Stop and search' laws have been in place in the UK since 2000, and are proven failures. The Assistant Commissioner of the Scotland Yard went so far as to appeal to his officers to stop using these powers. In January these laws were declared illegal by the European Court of Human Rights.

Ineffective and damaging- and now that's what our State Government wants to try here.



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If you're not willing to let West Australians lose their liberties or to sit by and watch our state go back to the dark ages, come down to Parliament House on Tuesday April 20th at 12.30pm.

There will be prominent speakers speaking out about why it is so important to oppose these laws. This proposed legislation fails on all accounts. The laws are badly planned and poorly explained; they remove your rights and they will totally fail to combat crime.

Good governments should be able to combat crime effectively without resorting to draconian stop and search powers that strip rights from citizens and have no proven record in reducing crime.

A petition against these laws has been written and will be presented to parliament every day for ten days beginning on rally day, April 20th.

If you want your name on this petition to really let Barnett, Porter and Johnson know how you feel, you can download a copy and have it returned by April 20th. (File and return address are at www.searchforyourrights.org).

Search For Your Rights is a community organisation dedicated to opposing these laws. If you want more information or to volunteer, email searchforyourrights@gmail.com.

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