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VICTORIA POLICE

## Liberty vs. Security: A Necessary Trade Off?

20 March 2006

Monash University in partnership with Victoria Police is conducting a forum in April, examining the legislative and policy environment relevant to counter-terrorist policing.

The forum titled '**Liberty vs. Security: A Necessary Trade Off?**', will be held at Monash Law Chambers in Melbourne, and is being conducted by Monash's School of Political and Social Inquiry as part of the three-year joint project, 'Counter-terrorism policing and culturally diverse communities'.

The forum will include policing practitioners, academics, public commentators, journalists, policy-makers and community representatives.

Issues to be covered include: current counter-terrorism legislation and policy and its necessity in relation to the threat currently faced; the risk that poorly calibrated counter-terrorism policing will marginalise or alienate key sections of society and in doing so exacerbate, rather than counter and minimise, extreme acts of politically motivated violence; the perception that increased police powers are being targeted at religious and ethnic minorities commonly stereotyped as terrorists; and the sacrificing of human rights, in particular the human rights of particular segments of the population, in an attempt to counter the threat of terrorism.

The forum is being co-convened by Associate Professor Jude McCulloch, a member of Monash's Criminal Justice and Criminology department, and Dr. Hussein Tahiri, a research analyst with Victoria Police's Counter-Terrorism Coordination Unit.

Major speakers at the conference include: Mr Bill Kelly, consultant to Monash's Global Terrorism Research Unit and former Deputy Commissioner of Victoria Police; Ms Marika Dias, lawyer and member of the Federation of Community Legal Centers; Assistant Commissioner Luke Cornelius, Victoria Police; Mr. Joo-Cheong Tham, lecturer with the Melbourne Law School and specialist in anti-terrorism legislation; Mr Waleed Aly, member of the Islamic Council of Victoria; and representatives of state and federal government authorities.

### Conference notes:

**What:** 'Liberty vs. Security: A Necessary Trade Off?'

**When:** 19 April 2006

**Where:** Monash Law Chambers, 472 Bourke Street Melbourne

**Bookings:** Telephone +61 3 9905 2899 (entry is free)

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