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1. "IT'S IDIOTIC TO MOCK THE LAWS THAT COULD SAVE US"

Greg Sheridon, Australian, 2005-09-15Security measures to be introduced to parliament are reasonable. They include:12-month control orders, possibly with tracking devices; power to detain suspects for up to 14 days; extend qualifying period for citizenship to 3 years; increasing security checks, strengthening laws against inciting terrorism.

2. "HERE'S THE REAL SECURITY THREAT: LAWS THAT STEAL OUR FREEDOMS"

Daryl Melham, Age, 2005-09-15Expenditure on security in Australia in 2005 will exceed A.\$1.1 billion. There are new anti-terrorism laws, intelligent organisations have doubled in size and been given further powers. The new proposals cross a critical threshold which compromises our justice system.

3. "ACTIVIST ACCUSED OF INCITING VIOLENCE"

John Kerin and Cameron Stewart, Australian, 2005-09-14US peace campaigner Scott Parkin, has been detained by the AFP. The Howard Government is understood to be seeking to put him on an international travel alert list, which would restrict his future travel not only to Australia but also to other destinations.

4. "SOMARE RECONSIDERING AUSSIES TROOPS"

AAP, The Age, 2005-09-14In an interview on SBS, Mr Somare described Australia as attempting control the Pacific region. He said he did not want Australian police to return to active duty in PNG.

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