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## **The Hon. Morris IEMMA, MP**

*Premier of New South Wales  
Treasurer and Minister for Citizenship*  
Level 40 Governor Macquarie Tower  
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Hon. Premier

### **RE: THE SHOOT TO KILL BILL**

Sikh Council of Australia is worried and concerned about the above bill, authorising the Law enforcement agencies to shoot-to-kill, it is ill advised, unnecessary and unfortunate, as it will give the police the leeway to kill innocent people in the guise of fighting the terrorists and suicide bombers.

Police are bound to abuse the bill and if they kill an innocent person as it happened in London, the police having immunity, will not be answerable to any one. One wonders if Australia is becoming a Police State. No one is above the law and law should be applicable equally to all and if the police kill any innocent person the same law, as to the rest of us, should apply.

Under the law of any civilised country every body has the right to defend themselves, and a person or suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty, but a dead person cannot defend him/herself to prove their innocence.

Prime Minister John Howard cannot purport to be protecting Australian while on the other hand giving police draconian powers, to shoot to kill, execute innocent people in public.

**Sikh Council Of Australia is opposed to this bill and urges you to reject these changes to the basic human rights to the Citizens of Australia.**

Yours sincerely,

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