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THE proposed new anti-terrorism laws have infuriated the Canterbury and Marrickville Greens, and the Canterbury Bankstown Peace Group, who are calling them "unjust." Federal Attorney General Robert McClelland announced reforms to the national security and counter terrorism laws, which will be later put up for discussion and consultation. The proposed laws would give the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) and police more powers, making it easier to prosecute people who encourage others to commit acts of violence.

This will see a crackdown on violent extremists who attempt to incite people to commit acts of politically motivated violence.

"These laws have been designed to convict," Raul Bassi, from the Canterbury Bankstown Peace Group said.

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NSW Greens MP Lee Rhiannon says the Greens are calling on the Rudd Government to repeal the most extreme aspects of the anti-terrorism laws that undermine human rights. "Marginalising young people through the application of unjust laws and policing methods will only help provide a breeding ground for extremism," she said.

Marrickville Greens Councillor Fiona Byrne believes that effective communication is the key to tackle the problem.

"In Marrickville, we strive to bring a sense of belonging to all our residents and I do believe that if you work to achieve social cohesion then there are fewer in the community who will feel disenfranchised and therefore will be less likely to be drawn in by extremist opinions, wherever those opinions originate from," Ms Byrne said.

Canterbury Greens Councillor Linda Eisler said the anti-terrorist laws introduced under John Howard make us all "potentially vulnerable to unjust treatment, not just those who could harm us."

A spokesperson for Mr McClelland refused to comment, saying more information on the proposed changes will be released in the coming weeks.

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