

## Report

1. On 20 August 2007 the President of the Senate, Senator the Hon. Alan Ferguson, received a submission from Mr Chalid Muhammad, Executive Director, and Mr Nurkholis, National Board, on behalf of staff of the Indonesian Forum for Environment (WALHI), seeking redress under the resolution of the Senate of 25 February 1988 relating to the protection of persons referred to in the Senate (Privilege Resolution 5).

2. The submission referred to comments made by Senator Ian Macdonald in the Senate on 9 August 2007 during general business. The President, having accepted the submission as a submission for the purposes of the resolution, referred it to the Committee of Privileges on 10 September 2007.

3. The committee met in private session on 13 September 2007 and, pursuant to paragraph (3) of Privilege Resolution 5, decided to consider the submission. The response, which the committee now recommends for incorporation in *Hansard*, has been agreed to by Mr Muhammad and the committee in accordance with Resolution 5(7)(b).

4. The committee draws attention to paragraph 5(6) of the resolution which requires that, in considering a submission under this resolution and reporting to the Senate, the committee shall not consider or judge the truth of any statements made in the Senate or of the submission.

5. The committee **recommends:**

That a response by Mr Chalid Muhammad and Mr Nurkholis, on behalf of staff of the Indonesian Forum for Environment (WALHI), in the terms specified at Appendix One, be incorporated in *Hansard*.

John Faulkner  
Chair

