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Committee Secretary
Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission
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Dear Committee Secretary

Re: Inquiry into the adequacy of Aviation and Maritime Security measures to combat serious and organised crime.

The Australian Workers' Union (AWU) on behalf of our membership employed in and associated with the Aviation and the Maritime Industries support and agree with the joint Union submissions and reiterate the position put in, that Australian Unions have been an active participant in the consultation process in relation to the development of the original legislation Maritime Transport Security Act 2003 which was extended and renamed the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003 (MTOFSA).

The AWU further support the position put by the Joint Union submission from the Maritime Union Of Australia (MUA) that Australian Unions must have a vigorous participation role in the further development of all regulations and continue to be involved within key working groups and forums such as the Maritime Security Identification Card working groups for and on behalf of AWU members employed within and associated with onshore and offshore aspects of the above mentioned industries.

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Yours Sincerety

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