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Inquiry Secretary
Inquiry into the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Law Enforcement Integrity, Vulnerable
Witness Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2013
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
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Dear Mr Bryant

I refer to your invitation, by email at 8:11 pm yesterday Tuesday 18 June, for this Commission to make a submission to the Committee's Inquiry into the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Law Enforcement Integrity, Vulnerable Witness Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2013, with submissions being requested by 12 pm tomorrow 20 June 2013.

I note that the Senate referred this matter for inquiry on 18 June and that the Committee is required to report by 25 June.

I must advise that the Commission is quite unable to make a submission on the substance of the Bill within this timeframe. I request, however, that you publish this email as the Commission's submission to the Inquiry.

The Commission wishes to state for the information of the Parliament, and for the public record, that an inquiry process which is so truncated as not to provide a realistic opportunity for public participation is not consistent with the requirements of Article 25 of the International Covenant on Civil and Rights.

Regards

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