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Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs Inquiry into Intelligences Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2011

NSW Police Portfolio submission

Reference to the email dated 28 March 2011 inviting New South Wales to make submissions in this inquiry.

The New South Wales Police Portfolio is pleased to present this submission, comprising a combined response from a number of Commands.

This submission takes into account the broad terms of reference, and the time within which the submission has been requested:

- The proposed amendments to Commonwealth legislation do not raise any specific legal issues for the NSW Police Force in the material supplied;
- There does not seem to be any provisions in the Bill that would negatively affect members of the NSW Police Force;
- In essence it would appear that the combined effect of the amendments sought in the Bill will achieve the purposes outlined;
- The Bill does not appear to provide the NSW Police Force with any additional powers or other enforcement responsibilities (outside what is already contained in the relevant Acts); and
- The Bill appears uncontentious, from a law enforcement point of view, and should not have any negative impact on operational policing in New South Wales.

I appreciate the opportunity to be able to provide this submission.

Yours sincerely

~~Hon.~~ **Michael Gallacher MLC**
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