



23 September 2009

The Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
The Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Re: CRIMES AMENDMENT (Working With Children -Criminal History) Bill 2009.

Scouts Australia thank you for the opportunity to review the “Crimes Amendment (Working With Children -Criminal History) Bill 2009” and if necessary, make a formal submission.

After carefully studying the contents of the Bill and understanding its purpose, we believe that it addresses an ever growing need in the protection of young people from potential harm. As a result Scouts Australia strongly supports the proposed amendments.

Scouts Australia, for over 100 years has held the protection of young people as a primary part of its work. In fact Scouts are amongst the leaders in maximizing child protection in voluntary organisations. We welcome improvements such as those made to this Bill.

The amendment is a significant move forward; those responsible for the Bill should be congratulated for their initiative.

Yours faithfully

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