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Mr Hamish Hansford  
Committee Secretary  
Standing Committee on Legal and  
Constitutional Affairs  
Department of the Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Hansford

**Aviation Crimes and Policing Legislation Amendment Bill 2010**

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) makes the following submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs in relation to the inquiry on the *Aviation Crimes and Policing Legislation Amendment Bill 2010* (the Bill).

**Increase in penalties**

1. CASA notes that one purpose of the Bill is to strengthen the existing legislative framework surrounding Australia's international and domestic aviation security regime by ensuring that aviation-related crimes carry appropriately severe penalties and by making sure that an appropriate range of offences are applicable.
2. Although CASA's security-related functions are limited, CASA supports the imposition of more severe penalties for the offences outlined in the Bill. CASA itself will shortly be reviewing the civil aviation legislation, including *Civil Aviation Act 1988*, with a view, amongst other things, to ensure that offence provisions in that legislation carry appropriate penalties.

Yours sincerely

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