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Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
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Dear Ms Dennett

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Senate's inquiry into the Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012.

I understand that submissions previously made to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement (PJCLE) regarding the Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012 will be considered by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

The Department of Infrastructure and Transport provided a brief note to the PJCLE on 8 November 2012 in relation to the Bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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Submission from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport

It is expected that the Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012 when enacted will greatly simplify the administration of the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* particularly with regard to the verification of evidence, monitoring and enforcement. However because the Automotive Industry is very global in nature, the Department is currently concerned that it does not have sufficient powers to carry out verification of evidence, monitoring and enforcement where the applicant is not in Australia. It is expected that this situation would apply to a large number of regulators. The Bill does not appear to currently address territorial issues, is it possible for the Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012 able to address this issue?