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## CORPORATE RELATIONS DIVISION

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Committee Secretary  
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600  
AUSTRALIA

REF: CRD-081112 Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012

Dear Committee Secretary,

I am writing in regards to the Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012 to provide comment from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).

AMSA notes that for existing Acts and Regulations dealing with investigation and enforcement, the proposal is that the framework of standard powers can be incorporated when substantial amendment to the Act or Regulation is required. A comprehensive review and revision of AMSA's primary investigation and enforcement powers were conducted, in consultation with a broad range of stakeholders, in the development of the *Navigation Act 2012* and *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012*. Accordingly, those Acts contain a contemporary set of investigation and enforcement powers of similar effect and scope to those in the Bill, and AMSA does not envisage substantial amendment to those Acts in the short to medium term. On that basis AMSA has no opposing comments on the Bill.

Yours sincerely

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