



Australian Government
Department of Immigration and Citizenship

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Ms Julie Dennett
Committee Secretary
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary Dennett

**Submission to Inquiry —
Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2013**

Thank you for your invitation of 27 March 2013 which has given me and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the "Department") the opportunity to make a submission to a parliamentary inquiry in relation to the Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2013 (the "Bill").

The Bill is consistent with the Department's existing practices in relation to public interest disclosures. The Department welcomes the Bill as it promotes transparency and accountability within the Australian Government.

Once again, the Department and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to make this submission.

Yours sincerely

Martin Bowles, PSM
Secretary

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