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**Ms Julie Dennett**  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
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Dear Ms Dennett,

**Inquiry into the Military Court of Australia Bill 2012 and Military Court of Australia  
(Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012**

Thank you for the invitation to make a submission to the inquiry.

My sole comment concerning the Bills is to express the hope that they are constitutionally sound because it is inevitable that they will be challenged. It is my belief that the military discipline system will not recover if the new court is struck down.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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