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Dear Secretary

**Victoria Police Submission on the *Student Identifiers Bill 2013 (Commonwealth)***

Thank you for providing an opportunity to make a submission on the *Student Identifiers Bill 2013 (Commonwealth)*.

As a large organisation invested in the continuing development of its members, and a registered training organisation with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority, Victoria Police is interested in the progress of this Bill.

Victoria Police has approximately 13,000 sworn or protective services officers, supported by public servants, forensic officers and other specialists. As a registered training organisation it currently delivers a range of non-accredited and three nationally recognised qualifications:

- The *Diploma of Public Safety (Policing)* (the Diploma), the primary policing qualification and prerequisite to becoming a police officer. Approximately 600 recruits and probationary constables commence the course per annum;
- The *Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Police Investigations)*, a prerequisite to becoming a police investigator; and
- The *Vocational Graduate Certificate in Public Safety (Police Prosecutions)*, a prerequisite to becoming a police prosecutor.

Victoria Police is in the process of adding the *Certificate IV in Training and Assessment* and *Diploma of Public Safety (Forensic Investigation)* to its registration scope.

***Student Identifiers Bill 2013***

Victoria Police understands that with the introduction of a 'Unique Student Identifier', students enrolled in formal qualifications would be required to provide demographic and qualification-related data, which would then be made available to a range of audiences.

Victoria Police is interested in ensuring that the information availability and dissemination proposed under the framework is managed in a way that protects the identity of sworn members. This is particularly important for members who undertake covert, intelligence or investigative roles, as well as those involved in undercover taskforces.

The Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency (ANZPAA), the national peak body for policing, is currently negotiating with the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) and the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE) on the submission of alternative training data by policing. Victoria Police supports the engagement of ANZPAA in any negotiations around the *Student Identifiers Bill 2013*.

Yours sincerely

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