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Ms Julie Dennett
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Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
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Dear Ms Dennett

Thank you for your letter of 9 February 2010 inviting submissions to a parliamentary inquiry into the Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2010.

After receiving advice, the crimes that the Bill introduces will be offences under the laws of the Commonwealth involving the internet. It is not anticipated that the Bill and the crimes it introduces will have a major impact on the resources of the Northern Territory Police Force.

The Bill proposed may in fact create further problems in relation to Australian Federal Police resources in investigating these matters and taking resources members away from investigating other child sexual offences. The Northern Territory Police Force will not be making a formal submission in relation to this Bill.

Thank you for providing the Northern Territory Police Force with the opportunity to make a submission.

Yours sincerely


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