

Level 1, 21 Murray Crescent GRIFFITH ACT 2603

> Tel: (02) 6239 8900 Fax: (02) 6239 8999

8 January 2016

Committee Secretary Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee PO Box 6100 Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

## Inquiry into the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Proceeds of Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2015

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Inquiry into the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Proceeds of Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2015. We do so representing the interests of in excess of 60,000 police officers across Australia in all State and Territory jurisdictions and the Commonwealth.

The Police Federation of Australia (PFA) has provided numerous submissions and appeared before various Committees regarding amendments to the Commonwealth proceeds of crime legislation and unexplained wealth provisions over recent years. The PFA has been instrumental in campaigning, since the onset, for a truly national approach in which law enforcement agencies across Australia have an effective mechanism for information sharing, collaborative investigations and taskforces to tackle organised crime effectively.

We therefore support the measures and amended schedules designed to clarify and strengthen Commonwealth criminal justice arrangements contained in the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Proceeds of Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2015.

Sincerely yours

Mark Burgess APM Chief Executive Officer