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Dear Committee members

**PFA: SOCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT
(FAIR AND SUSTAINABLE PENSIONS) BILL 2015**

The Police Federation of Australia (PFA) has been examining the potential effect on serving and retired police officers and those who have retired due to disability from their police service of changed arrangements regarding their defined benefit and aged pensions. You have our submission on this matter.

We said we would provide the Committee with a list of the legislation covering “police defined benefit income stream” schemes this week so that a suitable definition could be included in the Bill if your Committee agrees.

The schemes covering police officers which we believe will be affected are:

Victoria

- Emergency Services Superannuation
- State Super Fund
- Police pension Fund

Western Australia

- Government Employees Superannuation Act 19987
- State Superannuation Act 2000
- Superannuation and Family Benefits Act 199938

New South Wales

- Police Superannuation Scheme
- Police Superannuation Regulation Act 1906 (closed April 1988)

Northern Territory

- Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme
- NTGPASS (NT Government Scheme)

South Australia

- Police Superannuation Act 1990
- Southern State Superannuation Act 2009

Tasmania

- Retirement Benefits Fund Act 1993
- Retirement Benefits Act 1982 (now closed)

National (covering the AFP)

- Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme

In the case of Victoria for example, there are 247 **disability pensioners** with a deductible portion greater than 10%, which gives you some idea of the impact of the proposed change. It seems particularly harsh to reduce the full or part pensions of disabled police officers and the PFA would urge your Committee to find a more equitable solution such as the exclusion for the military.

Yours sincerely

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