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### **Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security**

Review of the National Security Legislation Amendment (Espionage and Foreign Interference) Bill 2017

Review of the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Bill 2017

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## **Statement by Chair and Deputy Chair**

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security notes the ongoing public interest in the Foreign Interference bills currently under its consideration. In particular, the Committee notes questions raised in relation to the submission made by Professor Clive Hamilton.

This matter is a subject of careful deliberation by the PJCIS. Given the significance of the legislation and the sensitivity of the issues involved, it is inappropriate for the Committee to comment on the matter until a conclusion is reached.

The Committee continues to work in a bipartisan spirit on all questions of national security that are referred to it by the Commonwealth Government.

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