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Dear Ms Dennett,

Re: Migration and Security Legislation Amendment (Review of Security Assessments) Bill 2012

I refer to your letter of 15 October 2012 to Mr Philip Kellow, Registrar, inviting the Tribunal to make a submission to the inquiry into the Migration and Security Legislation Amendment (Review of Security Assessments) Bill 2012 (the Bill).

As you would know, the Tribunal does not make submissions about matters of government policy. As such, any discussion around the merits of the review mechanism provided for in this Bill is a matter for Government. However, the Tribunal notes that the introduction of a role such as a 'special advocate', as provided for in the Bill, would not appear to create any practical or procedural concerns for the Tribunal.

Thank you for the invitation to participate in this inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

DUNCAN KERR