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Dr A Southcott MP
Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Submission 3
CO2 Sequestration

Dear Dr Southcott

Thank you for your letter of 18 September 2006 in which you seek comments in relation to a proposal to amend Annex 1 to the 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972.

The Tasmanian Government supports the proposal to amend the above Convention to allow for CO2 sequestration in sub-seabed formations. I would, however, like to suggest the following two minor amendments to enable clarification of the intent of the proposal:

- insert the word 'permanent' ahead of the word 'geo-sequestration' wherever it occurs or similar qualification; and
- insert the word 'stable' ahead of the word 'sub-seabed'.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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Premier