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To the House Standing Committee on Petitions,

This is my submission regarding the Inquiry into Electronic Petitioning. In regards to paragraphs: a, b, c, d and f of the Terms of Reference, it is my submission that the Commonwealth Government should look at the Queensland Government's ability to accept e-petitions.<sup>1</sup> It is easy to access and is security encrypted, thus alleviating privacy and security concerns.

The Queensland Government system requires a State member to sponsor a petition.<sup>2</sup> This helps to ensure the high value of petitioning in Queensland.

To date, the Queensland system of e-petitioning has been well-used by the community.

Furthermore, I contend that as part of Australians' democratic right, we should be able to advance our positions directly to parliament. As individuals, our voice is rarely heard, but as a collective, we are better able to communicate with our Parliamentary Representatives.

Moreover, it is through actions, such a petitioning, we can facilitate accountability and transparency of Government.

For the above-mentioned reasons, I submit that the Commonwealth Government should implement an e-petitioning system such as that in place in Queensland.

Yours Faithfully

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<sup>1</sup> Queensland Government, 'Queensland Parliament Petitions', At [http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/EPetitions\\_QLD/CurrentEPetitions.aspx?LIndex=1](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/EPetitions_QLD/CurrentEPetitions.aspx?LIndex=1) Retrieved on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Queensland Government, 'E-Petitions', At <[http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/EPetitions\\_QLD/Forms/InformationBrochure.pdf](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/EPetitions_QLD/Forms/InformationBrochure.pdf)> Retrieved on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2008.