



Bills referred for inquiry: Enhancing Privacy Protection, Maritime Powers and Slavery and People Trafficking

The Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs is inquiring into the following bills currently before the Parliament.

Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Bill 2012

The Enhancing Privacy Protection Bill amends the Privacy Bill to:

- Create a set of privacy principles that will apply to Commonwealth agencies and private sector organisations
- Introduce more comprehensive credit reporting with improved privacy protections
- Introduce new provisions on privacy and credit reporting codes, and
- Improve complaint resolution processes and promote compliance with privacy obligations.

Submissions are invited by **Friday 20 July**. The Committee intends to hold a public hearing on Tuesday 14 August and table its report by Friday 21 September. Further information on the Bill and the Committee inquiry can be found at www.aph.gov.au/spla.

Maritime Powers Bill 2012

The Maritime Powers Bill consolidates and harmonises the existing maritime enforcement regime, and provides a single framework for on-water enforcement agencies. By introducing a new system of authorisations, the Bill ensures that maritime officers are able to respond flexibly and expeditiously to enforcement situations as they arise, including in relation to illegal foreign fishing, customs, migration, quarantine and drug trafficking. The powers contained in the Bill are primarily based on powers currently available to operational agencies.

Submissions are invited by **Friday 20 July**. The Committee intends to hold a public hearing on Thursday 16 August and table its report by Friday 21 September. Further information on the Bill and the Committee inquiry can be found at www.aph.gov.au/spla.

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking) Bill 2012

The Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking Bill strengthens and expands the capability of investigators and prosecutors to combat people trafficking, slavery, and labour exploitation. The Bill ensures that the broadest range of exploitative behaviour is captured and criminalised including:

- Establishing new offences of forced labour, forced marriage and organ trafficking
- Extending the application of existing offences of deceptive recruiting, and
- Broadening the definition of exploitation and exploitative conduct to include slavery-like conditions and psychological oppression.

Submissions are invited by **Friday 27 July**. The Committee intends to hold a public hearing on Thursday 23 August and table its report by Friday 9 October. Further information on the Bill and the Committee inquiry can be found at www.aph.gov.au/spla.

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