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Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Andrew

Thank you for your letter of 10 May 2006, concerning the treaties tabled in both houses of Parliament on 10 May 2006.

The Queensland Government has reviewed these treaties and has no outstanding issues of significant concern.

However, I note that the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America on Cooperation in Science and Technology for Homeland/Domestic Security Matters (Washington, 21 December 2005)*, could have been expanded to take account of relevant emergency management issues. The Queensland Government recommends that the Commonwealth Government give due consideration to this in drafting any future agreements of this kind.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these treaties.

Yours sincerely

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