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Terms of reference

On 22 March 2012, the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011 was referred to the Committee by the Selection Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Selection Committee's report stated the following reason for referral:

Concern over the international implications of the bill which have been expressed by Canada, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea in their submissions to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee inquiry.¹

¹ House of Representatives Selection Committee, *Report No. 49*, 22 March 2012, p. 3.



List of abbreviations

APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
DAFF	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
EU	European Union
PNGFIA	Papua New Guinea Forest Industries Association
VPA	Voluntary Partnership Agreement
WTO	World Trade Organization



List of recommendations

1 Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Government continues to consult closely with the Governments of Canada, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea and other relevant stakeholders on implementation of the bill and the development of subordinate legislation.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Government facilitate Malaysia and Papua New Guinea's representation on the Illegal Logging Working Group convened by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011* be passed.

