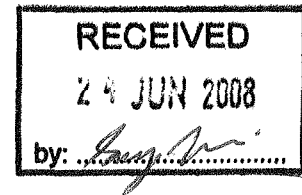




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Dear Mr Thomson

Thank you for your letters of 14 May and 4 June 2008 requesting Queensland's comments on the following treaties, which were tabled in federal parliament on those dates:

- *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Russian Federation on Cooperation in the Use of Nuclear Energy for Peaceful Purposes, Sydney, 7 September 2007*
- *Treaty between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America concerning Defence Trade Cooperation, Sydney, 5 September 2007*
- *International Tropical Timber Agreement 2006, Geneva, 27 January 2006*
- *Protocol Amending the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of South Africa for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income of 1999, Pretoria, 31 March 2008*
- *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, New York, 13 December 2006.*

The Queensland Government has reviewed each of the treaties. I am pleased to indicate that Queensland supports all of the above treaty actions and does not have any further comments.

Yours sincerely

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