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Standing Committee on Legal & Constitutional Affairs
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Dear Ms Morris

Thank you for the invitation to provide a submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Classification (Publication, Films, and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007.

The Northern Territory Police is fully supportive of all efforts and legislative provisions to minimise and capture material that advocates terrorist acts. Although it is important that the right to free speech and access to material chosen by a reasonable adult are not unnecessarily impeded, this right must be weighed up against the protection or promotion of human dignity and the common good.

The growing convergence between technologies has seen the line between all audiovisual media become almost indistinct. As the most vulnerable members of our community are our children and adolescents, it is their needs and the needs of their parents, which must be given the highest priority in deciding the content, application, and defence of the classification guidelines.

It is on this basis the proposed amendments to the *Classification (Publication, Films, and Computer Games) Act 1995* are supported.

Yours sincerely

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