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Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee  
Department of the Senate  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600  
Australia

Dear Secretary

**Inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006**

The Public Interest Law Clearing House (Vic) Inc notes the submission of the Human Rights Law Resource Centre Ltd ('HRLRC') to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006.

PILCH strongly endorses the submission of the HRLRC, which focuses on the Bill's incompatibility with Australia's international human rights obligations. PILCH urges the Committee to give careful consideration to Australia's international obligations in its inquiry into the Bill.

Further, we commend to the Committee the previous relevant submissions made by the Refugee and Immigration Legal Centre ('RILC'), Melbourne, regarding the Border Protection (Validation and Enforcement Powers) Bill 2001, the Migration Amendment (Excision from Migration Zone) Bill 2001, and the Migration Amendment (Excision from Migration Zone) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2001. These submissions remain relevant to the current issues before the Committee.

We confirm that PILCH is also making a joint submission with the Victorian Bar to the Committee. This submission is to be provided to the Committee by way of a separate document.

Please contact me on (03) 9225 6681 with any questions.

Yours sincerely

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