Dear Sir / Madam

I have attached my submission to the inquiry being conducted by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee into the above Bill. I have also attached a recent paper, Australia, Indonesia and the Papuan crises, published by RMIT University's Nautilus Institute. The URL address of this paper is: http://nautilus.rmit.edu.au/forum-reports/0614a-chauvel.html. The web version of the paper has links to some of the sources, other relevant materials and to my other recent writings on Papuan politics and Jakarta's policies and attitudes to the Papuan conflict.

The biodata for the Nautilus Institute paper provides some information about my academic background and interests in Indonesia, Papua and Australia-Indonesia relations:

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I would be happy to appear before the committee to elaborate upon this submission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

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