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Ms Morris  
Committee Secretary  
Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
The Senate  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Morris

**INQUIRY INTO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION AND ACCESS) AMENDMENT BILL 2007**

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 June providing the opportunity for Tasmania Police to make a submission to the parliamentary inquiry into the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007.,

As you may be aware, Tasmania Police is an Agency for the purposes of Section 34 of the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* having been declared on 2 February 2005. Since that time, Tasmania Police has been actively involved in the National forums on telecommunications interception including being represented on the Interception Consultative Committee (ICC) and the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee (LEAC).

Both of the above forums have been fully consulted by Mr Tony Blunn AO and have been kept informed of the proposed amendments following his Review of the Regulation of Access to Communications.

As a result of the comprehensive consultation process, Tasmania Police fully supports the proposed changes to the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* which we believe in particular will assist in the administration and oversighting of the law enforcement provisions relating to access to data from the telecommunications industry.

Yours sincerely



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