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Mr Peter Hallahan
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Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
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Parliament House
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Dear Sir

INQUIRY INTO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION AND ACCESS) AMENDMENT BILL 2008

Tasmania Police supports the amendments proposed to the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 as outlined in your letter of 25 March 2008.

This organization participates in meetings of several National committees including the Interception Consultative Committee (ICC) and the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee (LEAC) and has previously supported the amendments for which extensions to the sunset clauses are now being sought.

Those amendments provide for organizations such as ours and other Government Departments to ensure that appropriate administrative arrangements can be maintained to monitor the integrity of our internal computer systems.

The amendments also provide for the lawful access to communications stored by Carriers for law enforcement purposes.

Tasmania Police supports all of the proposed amendments which provide for a greater effectiveness of the Telecommunications Interception warrant regime.

I thank you for the invitation to provide a submission to the Standing Committee.

Yours sincerely

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A/Deputy Commissioner of Police