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Ms Juliet Dennett Committee Secretary Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs PO Box 6100 Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms Dennett

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments regarding the Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs inquiry into the *Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010* on behalf of the police portfolio in NSW.

The NSW Police Force does not oppose the Bill as it does not confer any new rights on children or young people, nor does it create any legal obligations for police.

As you may be aware, NSW already has a State Commissioner for Children and Young People. It is therefore important that if the position of Federal Commissioner for Children and Young People is created, the roles and responsibilities of the State and Federal Commissioners are clearly defined.

My contact officer for this matter is Ms Catherine Allen, Policy Manager, Department of Premier and Cabinet. Ms Allen can be contacted on

Yours sincerely

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