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Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Dear Mr MacDonald

INQUIRY INTO BILL AMENDING THE *CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) ACT 1995* (Cth)

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 April 2014 notifying WA Police that the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Classification Tools and other Measures) Bill 2014* (Bill) had been referred by the Senate to the committee for inquiry and report by 19 June 2014 and inviting a submission from this agency.

The issue of relevance to WA Police is proposed new section 88B 'Referral of certain unclassified material to law enforcement agencies' enabling the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department to notify police of potential Refused Classification (RC) content, without having the content classified first, to help expedite removal of such content from distribution.

The proposed new section is a positive step if it results in a timelier referral of RC level material [pre-classification] to WA Police. Depending on the nature of the referral, for example, if an unclassified film involving child pornography was discovered with a link to organised crime, would determine the priority of the police response to any investigation.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to make a submission.

Yours sincerely

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