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Sophie Dunstone
Committee Secretary
The Senate
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Submitted electronically and by email to legcon.sen@apg.gov.au

Dear Ms Dunstone,

Inquiry into the Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013

Thank you for your letter dated 19 December 2013. Mr Varghese AO has asked me to reply on his behalf.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provides advice to the Australian Government on international law and transnational crime. We also provide consular assistance to Australian citizens and permanent residents travelling or living abroad.

We have read the submission prepared by the Attorney-General's Department dated January 2014 and express our support for that submission.

Yours sincerely

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