



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary

I refer to your email of 27 March 2013 to Mr Ian Campbell inviting the Department of Veterans' Affairs (the Department) to make a submission to the Inquiry into the *Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2013* (the Bill).

The Department has considered the Bill and can advise that it does not have any specific concerns about the proposed legislation. The Department supports the introduction of legislation to promote the integrity and accountability of the Commonwealth public sector. Such a framework, as outlined in the Bill will ensure that the investigation of serious matters are conducted in a timely and effective manner.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Joanna Marshall, Legal Adviser

Yours sincerely

~~Shane Carmody~~
A/g Secretary
Department of Veterans' Affairs

24 April 2013