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Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Support for Whaling) Bill 2010

The Conservation Council of South Australia Inc (Conservation SA) is the peak conservation body for South Australia, representing over 55 of the State's environment and conservation organisations, and approximately 40,000 South Australians. Conservation SA is an independent non-profit, non party-political, community based organisation that provides resources, advice and representation for the SA environment movement, and leads many of the key conservation campaigns in SA.

ConservationSA regards the proposed amendments contained within the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Support for Whaling) Bill 2010* as wholly appropriate. The proposed amendments would enable the Government to take strong and swift action should the need arise in the future.

This is an important complimentary strategy in the face of ongoing whaling in the Southern Ocean, including within the Australian Whale Sanctuary. As an organisation actively working to conserve the marine environment, we ask that Australia take every action to promote its long-standing anti-whaling position. We therefore support the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Support for Whaling) Bill 2010* and adoption of the amendments into legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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