





SUBMISSION NO. 3 TT on 26 August 2008

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

ON TREATIES. RE: TREATY

BETWEEN AUST. & EUROPEAN UNION

ON (PNR) DATA

DEAR SIRS.

IT IS SUBMISSION OF THE EXECUTIVE THAT THIS TREATY BE RATIFIED, THE EXECUTIVE FULLY SUPPORT THE NEED FOR A TRANSFER OF INFORMATION BETWEEN NATIONS AND AIRLINES DUE TO TERRORISM AND DRUG TRAFFICKING, PEOPLE SMUGGLING, AS HAS BEEN STATED IN THE OVERVIEW AND NATIONAL INTEREST SUMMARY. WE FULLY SUPPORT ACTIONS BEING TAKEN TO ENSURE SAFETY OF PASSENGERS, AND AIRCRAFT INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF AUSTRALIA. THIS EXECUTIVE IS ALWAYS CONCERNED AT THE LOSS OF JOBS, AND OF COSTS TO THE AUSTRALIAN TAXPAYER WHEN IT COMES TO TREATIES, BUT WE HAVE NO PROBLEM IN SUPPORTING SECURITY TREATIES. AS WE ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY IT IS HARD TO MAKE ANY MORE THAN A TOKEN COMMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. THE EXECUTIVE WISH TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR ALLOWING US TO COMMENT ON THIS TREATY.

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