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Ms Julie Dennett
Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Legal and
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Parliament House
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Dear Ms Dennett

I am writing to you in response to your invitation to make a submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into the *Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2)*. This submission focuses on the proposed amendments to the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006* (the LEIC Act) and the *Customs Administration Act 1985* to include the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs and Border Protection) within the jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI).

Customs and Border Protection supports the proposed amendments.

From January 2011, ACLEI has had responsibility for investigating corrupt conduct relating to the law enforcement functions of Customs and Border Protection following the agency's prescription in Regulations made under the LEIC Act. The inclusion of Customs and Border Protection within ACLEI's jurisdiction under the LEIC Act will enable ACLEI to investigate corrupt conduct relating to all Customs and Border Protection functions.

The inclusion of Customs and Border Protection within ACLEI's jurisdiction on a whole of agency basis will implement Recommendation 3 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity's interim report on the Inquiry into the LEIC Act and the Government's response to this report.

Customs and Border Protection has been working closely with ACLEI as part of an Integrity Partnership and has undertaken initiatives to familiarize ACLEI and the Integrity Commissioner with the unique Customs and Border Protection operating

environment and to educate Customs and Border Protection officers in regards to their responsibilities in reporting allegations of corruption. Initiatives have included site visits in the regions, briefings by senior Customs and Border Protection officers and a joint online media presentation for staff discussing the Integrity Partnership.

Yours sincerely

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