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SUBMISSION to the:

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement

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***Re-referral Inquiry into the capability of law enforcement to
respond to money laundering and financial crime***

Thank you for the opportunity to make a follow up submission following the re-referral of the above Inquiry to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement in the 48th Parliament. As the committee is aware, the Police Federation of Australia (PFA) is the national body representing the professional and industrial interests of Australia's more than 65,000 police officers, across all state, territory, and the federal police jurisdictions. The PFA made a submission to this Inquiry in the 47th Parliament (Submission No. 4).

I note the amended Terms of Reference and the removal of reference to the tranche two reforms, that the PFA fully supported.

I take this opportunity to reaffirm our strong support for initiatives that assist police and other like agencies tasked with the enforcement of money laundering and financial crime and reiterate our likewise strong support for the use of unexplained wealth legislation.

The committee would be aware of the PFA's earlier submissions to this committee in previous parliaments around the illicit tobacco market and the openness with which the sale of such products is being perpetrated. We anticipate that the committee would have seen the front-page story in The Australian newspaper, "*Dirty money gone overseas in 24 hours*", on Monday 8 September 2025.

We have long suggested that money laundering in the illicit tobacco market is one area that could benefit from a sustained focus using all the legislative tools available, including unexplained wealth legislation.

We also understand that automated teller machines (ATM's) are in common use in many illicit businesses to ensure that customers who no longer carry cash, can make a cash withdrawal to pay for their illicit product. We are advised that at least one state has called on the Federal Government to use AUSTRAC to address the known use of such machines to support illicit trade and we also understand that AUSTRAC has previously flagged private ATM's as a risk in cash-intensive businesses in earlier money laundering reports.

I would be happy to appear before the Committee to expand on any aspects of this submission.

Sincerely yours



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