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Dear Ms Dennett

**Inquiry into the Maritime Powers Bill 2012 and the Maritime Powers
(Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012**

Thank you for inviting the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs and Border Protection) to make a submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs in relation to the Maritime Powers Bill 2012 and the Maritime Powers (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012.

As Australia's primary civil maritime law enforcement agency, Customs and Border Protection has been heavily involved in the development of both these Bills. In aligning existing maritime powers, the Bills support more effective maritime operations in the long term.

If the Committee has any questions regarding the operational implementation of the Bills, I invite the Committee to call Customs and Border Protection officers to appear in Committee hearings, where we would be happy to respond to these questions.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Pezzullo
Chief Operating Officer

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