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Dear Mr Watling

Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2017

I refer to your letter to the Director, Ms Gabrielle Canny dated 26 September 2017.

The Legal Services Commission of South Australia considers that it is not unreasonable for the visa cancellation detainees (who have serious criminal records) to have the same restrictions as unauthorised maritime arrivals (who do not have access to mobile telephones) provided that there is no restriction on detainees being able to communicate with their legal representatives. It is important to ensure that access to legal representation and advice is maintained and not jeopardised

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed legislation.

Yours sincerely,

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