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To the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

### **Inquiry into the Law Enforcement Integrity Legislation Amendment Bill 2012**

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We thank you for the extension of time to make this submission.

Liberty Victoria supports the adoption of the Bill and its passage into law. It appears to sensibly balance the subject's right to privacy with appropriate limitations on undue interference – this is not arbitrary given a warrant needs to be obtained before any surveillance is undertaken. Liberty Victoria supports the Integrity Commissioner's oversight of the federal law enforcement agencies as an appropriate check and balance on the integrity of these organisations. Broadening the Integrity Commissioner's oversight of the ACC, AFP and other federal bodies and creating a system of integrity testing of staff members to determine if they respond appropriately is a mechanism that is reasonable.

Yours sincerely

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