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Mr Craig Kelly MP
Chair
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Kelly,

Inquiry into theft and export of motor vehicles and parts

I am writing in response to your invitation for the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) to provide a submission to your inquiry into the *Theft and export of motor vehicles and parts*.

The ACIC is uniquely equipped as Australia's national criminal intelligence agency with intelligence, investigative and information delivery functions. Our purpose is to make Australia safer through an improved national ability to connect, discover, understand and respond to current and emerging crime threats and criminal justice issues.

The ACIC notes the Terms of Reference of your inquiry and offers information relevant to '*the role and/or involvement of serious and organised criminal groups*'.

Between 2003-2006, the then Australian Crime Commission (ACC), which was later merged with CrimTrac to form the ACIC, focused on this issue under the *ACC Special Intelligence Operation Authorisation and Determination (Vehicle Re-birthing)*. Further, in 2014, the ACC released a series of classified products focusing on the extent of serious and organised crime groups' involvement (SOC) in profit motivated vehicle theft. The ACIC is not currently conducting any activities relating to the topic of your inquiry. Nonetheless, ACIC investigations have consistently indicated that the involvement of serious and organised criminal (SOC) groups in profit motivated vehicle theft is opportunistic and peripheral to the greater vehicle theft environment, which is dominated by volume crime offenders. SOC groups may commit vehicle theft by leveraging the skills of associates and use resulting profits to augment illegitimate incomes and possibly resource other crime types.

Should your office require further information please have them contact Jeremy Johnson, Chief of Staff,

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer

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