



**Bernard Lagane**

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement  
Committee Secretary  
Inquiry into illicit tobacco

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Bollore Logistics Australia's interest and stake in the Inquiry into Illicit Tobacco is based on our services to Importers of Tobacco in Australia and other high excisable products such as Luxury products.

Our commitment to our Customers who import such types of products is to comply with Australian Border Force regulations and guidelines.

Bollore Logistics Australia performs air, sea and road transportation and acts as a nominated Customs Broker in Australia for importers of tobacco therefore we support any method to decrease illegal activities in the importation of illicit tobacco and are committed to assist the Joint Committee.

As an integral link in our Customer's Supply Chain have pledged our support in their efforts to push for tougher penalties for those involved in the importation, shipping and selling of illegal tobacco products. We support the calls for more resources for Australian Border Force to stamp out illegal activity surrounding the importation of counterfeit products and importation of illegal tobacco products.

Bollore Logistics Australia works very closely with Australian Border Force daily and recognise their efforts and challenges in controlling this trade. We have witnessed many changes in the Shipping Industry over the years and support further controls to prevent growth in the supply of illegal tobacco products.

We also acknowledge the loss revenue to the federal government in lost taxes estimated at \$1.35 billion which effects all Australians. We look forward to seeing some positive outcomes and recommendations from this inquiry and are willing to supply relevant information to the Committee's inquiry.

Bollore Logistics Australia will continue with both Government authorities and our customers to reduce and report any incidents of importation or attempts to import illicit tobacco into Australia.

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