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The Secretary  
Parliamentary Joint Committee on  
Intelligence and Security  
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### **Review of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Police Powers at Airports) Bill 2018**

The Police Federation of Australia (PFA) represents the professional and industrial interests of our 62,000 members at the national level. As part of their membership of the Australian Federal Police Association (AFPA), that means the PFA also represent in excess of 700 AFP PSO's.

I have read the proposed Bill and whilst the PFA is broadly supportive of its content, I take this opportunity to make the following points –

- The PFA does not generally support the expansion of police style powers beyond fully sworn police officers. However, as PSO's play a vital role in Australia's aviation network, we do support the proposal to allow the proposed enhanced powers for police, identified in this Bill, to be extended to PSOs.

I note in the Explanatory Memorandum, that the AFP has specifically asked that these enhanced powers be extended to PSO's;

- Move on powers under state and territory legislation varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, so the implementation of a Commonwealth framework for airports will ensure national consistency; and

- The AFP has given an undertaking that both *constables* and *PSO's* will be appropriately trained in the exercise of these powers.

For the above reasons the PFA supports the Bill and would be happy to appear at an Inquiry if that was deemed necessary.

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