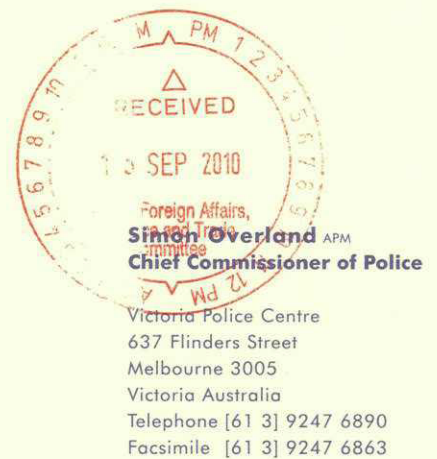




VICTORIA POLICE



Committee Secretary
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Legislation Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary

RE: DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SECURITY OF DEFENCE PREMISES) BILL 2010

Victoria Police thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010 (the Bill).

I am pleased to advise that Victoria Police supports the Bill but recommends that consideration be given to legislate for the Australian Federal Police and State or Territorial police forces to have the same security powers as a Defence Security Official. There may be some circumstances involving remote defence facilities, for example where there is only one Security Official present, where support from the Federal or State/Territory police forces is required and as such, it would be prudent for members of those police forces to have the same clearly defined legislative powers for security.

If you have any further queries concerning this matter, please contact the Legal Policy Officer, Sergeant Roger Kozulins on 03 92473049.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Commissioner

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