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Dear Mr Watling,

**Inquiry into the Criminal Code Amendment (Impersonating a Commonwealth Body)
Bill 2017**

I refer to your letter to the Director, Ms Gabrielle Canny of 26th September 2017.

The Legal Services Commission of South Australia (the Commission) provides legal advice and information to South Australians on a wide range of legal matters. In the 2016-17 financial year, we provided 92,980 such services.

Through its advice services, the Commission is aware of the harm caused by scams where callers claim to represent Commonwealth Government departments. For this reason, the Commission supports the proposed legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Bill.

Yours sincerely,

David Mazzone
A/Director