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Australian Fisheries Management Authority

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The Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
The Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Ms Dennett

Maritime Powers Bill 2012 and Maritime Powers (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012 - Invitation to make a Submission

Thank you for the email of 26 June 2012, addressed to our Chief Executive Officer Dr James Findlay who is currently on leave. I am responding on behalf of the Authority. AFMA, as a primary agency impacted by these Bills' adopting uniform and consistent maritime enforcement powers, has been involved in detail in the consultation and drafting process throughout their preparation. We are satisfied that the proposed changes are not going to cause operational disruption nor curtail the Authority's powers or ability to perform, in cooperation with other agencies, our day to day fisheries enforcement work and protecting fish stocks from domestic and foreign wrongdoers.

AFMA supports the Bills as they are now drafted and would be happy to be invited to comment upon any suggested amendments to the Bills which may impact upon how AFMA currently operates.

Yours sincerely

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