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Standing Committee on Legal & Constitutional Affairs
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Dear Mr Bryant

Re: Inquiry into the Telecommunications Amendment (Get a Warrant) Bill 2013

Thank you for giving the Commission an opportunity to comment on the Telecommunications Amendment (Get a Warrant) Bill 2013 (the Bill).

The main implications of the Bill for the Commission are the proposed repeal of sections 177, 178 and 180 of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 and the requirement that normal warrant authorisation procedures should apply for access to telecommunications data.

The Commission considers that the Bill is unnecessary and, if enacted, would impose significant and unnecessary burdens on the Commission's ability to effectively and efficiently conduct its investigations.

The Commission has had the opportunity of considering the submissions made by the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission and the Inspector of the Police Integrity Commission. The Commission agrees with the comments made in those submissions.

Yours sincerely

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