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Attention: Ms J Dennett

**INQUIRY INTO THE *FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2011.***

Thank you for your letter dated 28 March 2011 requesting a submission in relation to a parliamentary inquiry.

The Department of Police and Emergency Management (DPEM) Tasmania support the proposed *Family Law Legislative Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2011.*

The Bill strengthens the definition of family violence to better reflect state legislation and generally moves towards increasing the emphasis on the safety of the child.

The Bill will have little impact on the DPEM as it predominately refers to best interests of the child during court proceedings and parental responsibilities.

The DPEM has no submission to make regarding the Bill.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this particular matter, please contact Sergeant Kate Chambers or Inspector Wayne Moore on

Yours sincerely

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Commissioner of Police