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Dear Mr Hastie

Thank you for your letter inviting Victoria to make a submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security's review of Commonwealth stop, search and seizure powers, control order regime and preventative detention order regime.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that Victoria Police and other law enforcement agencies have the powers they need to protect the community from terrorism and violent extremism.

As you may be aware, in June this year our Government established the Expert Panel on Terrorism and Violent Extremism Prevention and Response Powers (Expert Panel), led by former Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police, Ken Lay AO, and former Supreme Court of Appeal Justice, the Hon David Harper AM.

The Expert Panel's first report was publicly released on 21 September 2017, a copy of which you'll find enclosed. As you will see, Chapter 3 of the report focuses on preventative and investigative detention and as such, you may find this Chapter of particular interest and relevance to your review. You may also be interested to note that the Expert Panel's first report follows consultations with Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and the Commonwealth Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, as well as the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation.

The Victorian Government has accepted in-principle all recommendations, with the Expert Panel due to deliver its second report in the coming weeks.

These are priority matters for the Victorian Government, as they are for other jurisdictions, and I look forward to continuing to work with the Commonwealth to ensure all necessary action is taken to prevent and counter terrorism and violent extremism.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP  
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