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Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Review of the Telecommunication and Other Legislation Amendment (Assistance and Access) Bill 2018

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Review of Citizenship Amendment Bill

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) has commenced a review of the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Strengthening the Citizenship Loss Provisions) Bill 2018. The Bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 28 November 2018 and referred to the Committee for inquiry and report.

The Bill strengthens the Minister's powers under section 35A of the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* to cease the Australian citizenship of dual nationals who are convicted of terrorism offences.

The PJCIS Chair, Mr Andrew Hastie MP, said:

the Committee is considering the further measures necessary to keep Australia safe from terrorism threats. In its inquiry into the Bill, the Committee will assess the necessity of proposed amendments to the Citizenship Act, and the necessary oversight arrangements and Australia's international obligations.

The Committee is currently accepting submissions to this review. Submissions should be provided no later than **5pm Friday, 11 January 2019**. If you intend to make a submission, please contact the Secretariat at pjcis@aph.gov.au by Monday, 17 December 2018 to assist with planning.

Public hearings are expected to be held on **Wednesday, 30 January 2019**.

Further information on the inquiry can be obtained from the Committee's [website](#).

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