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Thank you Andrea. By all means treat the [Bill](#) and its [EM](#) and [2<sup>nd</sup> Reading](#) as a submission.

I ask the Committee to accept the Bill as a proposed solution to the matters included in its terms of reference. The relationship between the provisions in the Bill and the terms of reference will be readily apparent to the committee. The [second reading speech](#) provides all the brief the Committee needs.

My [2007 Public Interest Disclosures Bill](#) had considered input from expert UK and Australian sources and was designed against the backdrop of previous inquiries and other bills and Acts. With that background, and given that other existing public interest disclosure legislation is rather dated or limited, as my Bill was formulated recently in 2007 it might be considered the most advanced Australian model currently available. Notwithstanding that, I am certain the Committee will be able to usefully improve on my Bill. Even if the Committee decides to go in a different direction, it is certainly worth the Committee having regard to the Bill, particularly given the inclusion of interesting features such as providing for authorised whistleblowing conduits to the parliament and journalists.

Kind regards

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