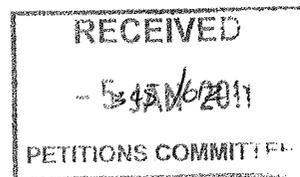




ATTORNEY-GENERAL
THE HON ROBERT McCLELLAND MP



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The Hon John Murphy MP
Chair
Standing Committee on Petitions
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

John
Dear Mr Murphy

Thank you for your letter dated 16 November 2010 seeking a written response to petition 345/612, presented to the Committee on 15 November 2010. The petition requests that amendments be made to clause 17 of the *Parliamentary (Judicial Misbehaviour or Incapacity) Commission Bill 2010*.

The Bill was introduced before the 42nd Parliament on 22 February 2010, and read for a second time on 31 May 2010. The Bill has yet to be introduced before the 43rd Parliament.

The Standing Committee of Attorneys-General is looking at possible models for a national judicial complaints handling mechanism. The Government is considering potential options for to judicial complaints handling in that context, including legislation.

Thank you for drawing this petition to my attention.

Yours sincerely

Robert McClelland