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Dr Andrew Southcott MP Committee Chair Joint Standing Committee on Treaties Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Southcott

Thank you for your letter of 18 October 2006 regarding the Amendments to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946.

The ACT government is strongly supportive of this treaty and the provision for a catch limit of zero for commercial whaling. The ACT Government will continue to oppose the slaughter of whales. I would like to urge the Federal Government to continue its efforts in the International Whaling Commission and with pro-conservation organisations on a complete ban of commercial and scientific whaling.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this international agreement under inquiry.

Yours sincerely

Jon Stanhope MLA Chief Minister

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