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Senator Trish Crossin
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator *Trish,*

I am writing to advise you that I intend to refer the recommendations of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee report *Review of the National Classification Scheme: achieving the right balance* to the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) to consider as part of its review of the National Classification Scheme (NCS) in Australia.

The ALRC is conducting a comprehensive review of the NCS and is scheduled to report by 30 January 2012. An Issues Paper was published inviting submissions from the community by 15 July 2011. A Discussion Paper is expected to be released in September.

Recommendation 30 of the report states that the Attorney-General should specifically direct the ALRC to consider the findings and recommendations in the Senate report as part of its review. As responsibility for classification is part of my portfolio as Minister for Justice, I will make the referral to the ALRC. I have copied this letter to the Attorney-General, the Hon Robert McClelland MP.

Yours sincerely

Brendan O'Connor