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Committee Secretary
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600
AUSTRALIA

Sent by email: pjicis@aph.gov.au

Dear Secretary

Submission Regarding Review of the listing of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) as a terrorist organisation under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*

We understand that the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security is conducting review of the listing of Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) under the *Criminal Code 1995*

We enclose a submission addressing the terms of reference and containing information and our views concerning this listing.

The Federation of Community Legal Centres Vic. Inc ('the Federation') is the peak body for forty-nine Community Legal Centres ('CLC's') across Victoria, including both generalist and specialist centres. This submission has been prepared on behalf of the Federation by its Anti-Terrorism Laws Working Group, in consultation with various other members of the Federation.

The Anti-Terrorism Laws Working Group is one of a number of issue-specific working groups within the Federation comprising workers from member centres. This Working Group supports CLC's to provide targeted community legal education programs for communities affected by the State and Commonwealth anti-terrorism laws and supports CLC lawyers to provide up-to-date legal advice to clients affected by the State and Commonwealth anti-terrorism laws. The Working Group also works to monitor the impact of State and Commonwealth anti-terrorism laws on affected communities and individuals.

Should you have any questions regarding our submission, please do not hesitate to contact Anthony Kelly on 03 9654 2204 or at Anthony.Kelly@fcl.fl.asn.au.

We hope that the Committee will give due consideration to the matters raised in our submission during the course of its inquiry. We would welcome any opportunity to elaborate further on our submission should the Committee require additional input.

Sincerely,

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