

From: Spencer Zifcak
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Dear Senators,

I have been approached by Mr Ian Maguire to make a late submission to the Committee with respect to its reference on this matter. I note that the final submission date was in November. I appreciate therefore that the Committee may not be able to consider this submission which in any case is exceptionally brief.

1. I support the purpose of the legislation. I believe that parliamentary approval for military action undertaken beyond Australia's borders in Australia's defence is highly desirable.
2. In all other matters, I respectfully adopt the views of my colleague, Professor George Williams.

Yours sincerely,

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