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Ms Jackie Morris
Secretary Senate Standing Committee
on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
The Senate
Parliament House
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Dear Ms Morris,

RE: INQUIRY INTO THE AUSCHECK BILL 2006

Thank you for the invitation to make a submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs concerning the inquiry into the *AusCheck Bill 2006*.

I note that the Commonwealth Government will establish, with this legislation, a centralised background checking service in the Attorneys-General's Department as part of a wider initiative to strengthen the Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC) and Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC).

The new division, known as AusCheck, will assist the aviation and maritime industries to identify high-risk individuals who should not be granted an ASIC or an MSIC. The more consistent approach to the statutory requirements set for each scheme is supported by the Department of Police and Emergency Management

The Tasmanian Department of Police and Emergency Management does not wish to make any further submission to the Senate Standing Committee on this matter.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely,

R McCreadie
Secretary