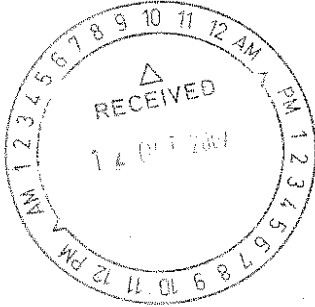




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Dear Committee Secretary

Inquiry into the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) Bill 2007

Thank you for your letter dated 20 September 2007. I welcome the opportunity to provide comment to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee inquiry into the Crimes Legislation (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) Bill.

Victoria Police understand that the Bill relocates existing child sex tourism offences from Part IIIA of the *Crimes Act 1914* to the *Criminal Code Act 1995*, as well as creating new 'grooming', procuring and preparatory offences. In addition, the bill will make it an offence for Australian citizens and residents to possess, produce or distribute child pornography while overseas.

Victoria Police supports the amendments outlined in the Bill.

If you require any further information on the matter, please contact Acting Senior Sergeant Geoff Maclean, Legal Policy (☎9247 6716).

Yours sincerely

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