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Dear Ms Morris

**RE: INQUIRY INTO THE *MIGRATION AMENDMENT (MARITIME CREW) BILL*
2007 (COMMONWEALTH)**

Thank you for the invitation to make a submission to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee on the inquiry into the *Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007 (Commonwealth)* (the Bill).

I note that the Bill contains provisions relating to the creation of a new maritime crew visa. The Bill will allow for foreign crew members, their spouses and dependent children to be subjected to an appropriate level of security checking before the visa is granted. I also note that the amendments are intended to enhance Australia's border integrity. Consequently, I wish to indicate support for the Bill.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

R McCreadie
Secretary