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The Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
Department of the Senate
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

and via email

Dear Sir/Madam

Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006

We are extremely concerned to note that the *Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006* was introduced into Parliament on 11 May 2006 and referred to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee on the same day with submissions from the public due by 22 May 2006. It has therefore been possible to properly process the Bill through any of our committees.

We are very disappointed that such a significant bill is being dealt with in such haste however we have been provided with a copy of the submission by the Legal Services Commission on South Australia and we endorse their comments.

We ask you to note that on 8 May 2006 we wrote to the Minister in relation the proposal to amend the *Migration Act*. A copy of our letter to her is attached.

Yours sincerely

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