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Dear Committee Secretary

Migration Amendment (Visa Integrity) Bill 2006

The Law Institute of Victoria (LIV) has been invited to make a submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee's inquiry on the Migration Amendment (Visa Integrity) Bill 2006 (Bill).

We note the purpose of the Bill is to:

- provide certainty in relation to the immigration clearance and immigration status of non-citizen children born in Australia;
- harmonise certain offence provisions with the Criminal Code;
- amend section 269 to ensure that a security may be imposed for compliance with visa conditions before grant; and
- clarify certain provisions in relation to Bridging Visas to ensure that:
 - a person who leaves and re-enters Australia on a Bridging Visa B cannot avoid the provisions of section 48; and
 - ensure that a Bridging Visa which ceases when an event occurs will cease the moment the event occurs rather than at the end of that day.

The LIV has reviewed the Bill and explanatory memorandum and supports the proposed amendments.

Yours sincerely

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