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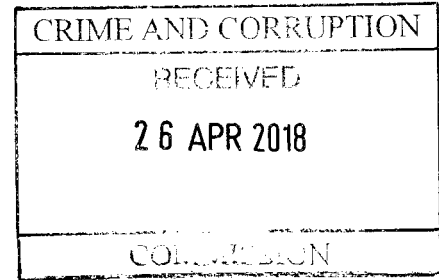
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Dear Dr Denning

**INVITATION TO MAKE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION TO THE REVIEW OF THE
TERRORISM (PREVENTATIVE DETENTION) ACT 2005**

Thank you for your invitation to provide a written submission in relation to the review of the *Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Act 2005*.

As you are no doubt aware, on 5 October 2017 the Council of Australian Governments re-affirmed an intergovernmental agreement on counter-terrorism arrangements in order to, in part, enhance Australia's counter-terrorism efforts. This will enable nationally consistent approaches with an emphasis on interoperability, including a complementary legal regime across all jurisdictions.

Western Australia is a party to the 2017 intergovernmental agreement on counter-terrorism arrangements.

On 22 September 2006, the Western Australia Parliament enacted the *Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Act 2006* (the Act). This Act forms part of the national framework of counter terrorism legislation and is broadly consistent with that of other States and Territories. This consistent approach ensures police are able to effectively exercise counter-terrorism powers within Australia.

To date, Western Australia's preventative detention powers have not been used. However, the threat of terrorism prevails and the lack of use does not indicate the legislation is unnecessary.

In accordance with requirements of the Act a legislative review was conducted and on 8 August 2017, the Western Australia Parliament tabled the review's report within the Legislative Assembly.

A copy of the report can be found on the Parliament Western Australia website at <http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Test/Tables.nsf/LATabledPapersWeb?OpenView>.

A copy of the Western Australia legislation can be found at https://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/actsif_t.html.

I trust the Western Australia review will assist you in your considerations.

Yours sincerely



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