

10 October 2012

The Hon. Anthony Whealy QC
Chair
COAG Counter Terrorism Review
Security Law Branch
3-5 National Circuit
BARTON ACT 2600

Dear Mr Whealy

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the COAG Review into Counter-Terrorism Legislation in Australia. The Australian Federal Police made a submission to the review on 2 October 2012 (attached). ACT Policing supports the contents of this submission. I offer the following comments in addition for your consideration.

ACT Policing is yet to utilise the provisions outlined in the *Terrorism (Extraordinary Temporary Powers) Act 2006*, however, regrettably, the threat of a terrorist activity in Australia remains real and constant. It remains my view, as expressed to Members of the Legislative Assembly in the ACT during their recent review of this counter terrorism legislation – that due to this threat, the retention of the legislation is necessary. Further to this, the continued availability of a cross-jurisdictional suite of legislation supports the national effort in combating terrorism.

If the committee would like further information on this matter please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely



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