

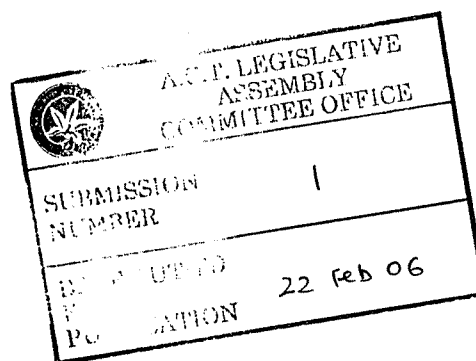
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Australian Federal Police Association Submission

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Dear Mr Mulcahy

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the Committee on behalf of our members. The AFPA respects the independent nature of the judiciary in its decision making capacity and supports a collegiate approach between the Courts, ACT Director of Public Prosecutions and ACT Policing in determining the most efficient and effective processes involving police.

On that basis there are two issues that are of interest to our ACT Policing members.

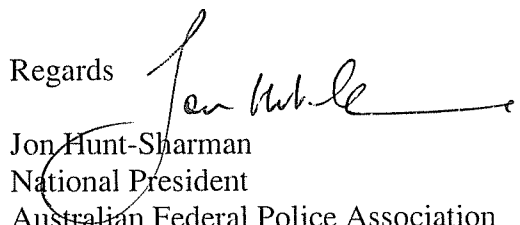
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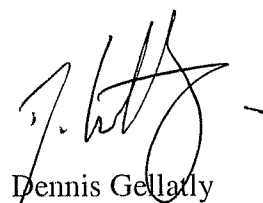
In consideration the issue of streamlining the listing process for improved efficiency, the AFPA would like to see that limited ACT Policing resources are not unduly utilised in the listing process resulting in the reduction of operational capacity.

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In redeveloping a case management system with minimum risk, consideration of risk factors concerning attendance of police officers at Court needs to be incorporated. Of particular concern to the AFPA are situations in which police have worked long hours, particularly on night shift, with a requirement then to attend Court for matters with little or no rest. This raises a particular occupational health and safety issue for police and needs to be remedied.

Regards


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