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Mr Jon Hunt-Sharman and Mr Jim Tor
Australian Federal Police Association
Level 9, AMP Tower
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Dear Mr Hunt-Sharman and Mr Tor

Protecting Australia from Criminal Attack

Thank you for your interest in the policies of the Australian Greens. Our position on the AFPA's election initiatives are addressed below.

Resourcing the AFP

The Greens appreciate the work of the Australian Federal Police and support the maintenance of its current funding levels. We have previously expressed our concerns about the impact of the efficiency dividend on the provision of public services.

We understand the importance of recruitment and retention strategies and will support a review of the AFP's remuneration structure and funding for appropriate strategies. While we have some concerns about the role of the AFP in overseas missions, we support ensuring adequate funding to the AFP fulfil its obligations domestically and internationally as directed by the government.

National Security

The Greens support measures to enhance our national security, including at air and maritime ports. We do, however, have concerns about civil liberties and privacy and believe an appropriate balance must be made protecting our security. We are supportive of Commonwealth agencies such as the AFP having primary responsibility for our national security and not private security companies.

We are supportive of the AFP receiving additional funds to investigate trans-national high-threat organised crime groups.

Anti-Corruption Strategy

The Greens have released a comprehensive anti-corruption policy, including the establishment of a National Integrity Commissioner. Our *National Integrity Commissioner Bill* establishes a National Integrity Commission, which will comprise of a new National Integrity Commissioner, the existing the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) and a new Office of the Parliamentary Advisor. Senator Brown introduced this bill in June 2010.

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The National Integrity Commission will protect the integrity of the Federal Parliament, parliamentarians and all Commonwealth departments. This is an essential component for the prevention of corruption and maintenance of integrity in the toolkit of all jurisdictions. There is a well recognised need of independent oversight of the activities of politicians and public servants.

AFP Employment

The Greens do not support the use of Electronic Incapacitating Devices. However, if they are to be used we support appropriate and robust training for officers.

Profession

We support the AFP continuing to have a structured formal meeting process with the government of the day as well as informal meetings as required.

Please contact us if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'EB', written in a cursive style.

Emma Bull
on behalf of the Australian Greens