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Dr Ian Holland  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Select Committee on the  
Reform of the Australian Federation  
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Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Dr Holland

On behalf of State and Territory leaders, please find enclosed a submission from the Council for the Australian Federation (CAF) to the Senate Select Committee on the Reform of the Australian Federation.

CAF was established in October 2006 to support and enhance Australia's federal system by providing an intergovernmental forum for State and Territory leaders in Australia. Promoting the benefits of cooperative federalism is one of CAF's strategic objectives. CAF welcomes the Committee's broad-ranging interest in reform of the federation, noting the Senate's unique role in Australia's constitution.

The enclosed CAF submission highlights key areas for possible reform of the Australian Federation and includes four attachments.

Thank you for the extension of time to lodge this submission. If you require any further information regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the CAF Secretariat on ph: (07) 3222 2300 or the Acting Secretary, Mr Brad Kinsela at [brad.kinsela@caf.gov.au](mailto:brad.kinsela@caf.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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