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Research Director
Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services Committee
Parliament House
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(Email: lapcsesc@parliament.qld.gov.au).

Dear Sir or Madam,

**RE: Submissions ~ Criminal and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 –
Ref: Old Animal Care and Protection Act 2001. [“The ACT”] & Indigenous Abuse
Re: Dugongs and Sea Turtles.**

In my submission:

I ask that animal cruelty laws apply to all Australian citizens.

I believe this can support traditional hunting and cultural practices.

The current permit/licence system is ineffective and creates more problems than it solves (for example: Traditionally there are times during the year when turtle and dugong are not hunted. The permit system allows people to hunt in a non traditional way, yet say they are within their rights due to the permit they have been issued.)

Thank you for considering my submission,

Dr. Damian Byrnes



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