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Mr P A Katsambanis, MLA
Chairman
Community Development and Justice Standing Committee
Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Mr Katsambanis

Inquiry into the protection of crowded places in Western Australia from terrorist acts

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (the Department) welcomes the opportunity to consider the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee's invitation to provide further comment on the Committee's report *Near enough is not good enough: An initial report on the protection of crowded places in Western Australia*.

The Department is of the view that the interim report accurately reflects the content and context of its submission. As requested by the Committee, the Department has considered matters 1, 3, 10, 22 and 28.

In relation to matter 3, the SECC will provide a useful forum for the dissemination of information on emerging threats that can be used as reference materials for agencies such as DLGSC that lack specific self-assessment capabilities but are responsible for the management of crowded place environments.

I have no further comment to make on the other matters at this time.

Please contact Lisa Fanciulli, Executive Director Infrastructure should further clarification be required.

The Department looks forward to considering the recommendations of the final report when presented to Parliament in March 2019.

Yours sincerely

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