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Ms Michelle Rowland MP  
Federal Member for Greenway  
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Dear Ms Rowland

Thank you for your letter of 1 February 2012 enclosing a submission from the Secretary of the Australasian Federation of Tamil Associations, Dr Victor Rajakulendran, about war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed in Sri Lanka.

The Government takes allegations of war crimes, crimes against humanity and other human rights violations very seriously. The Commonwealth *Criminal Code Act 1995* contains a range of offences for war crimes and crimes against humanity. Each of these offences applies to conduct both within and outside of Australia and all carry severe penalties.

Investigation of allegations of these crimes is the responsibility of the Australian Federal Police (AFP). As such, I have forwarded Dr Rajakulendran's submission to the AFP for their consideration.

Now this matter is with the AFP, any further questions or correspondence should be directed to:

Client Liaison Team  
Australian Federal Police  
Operations Coordination Centre  
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Yours sincerely

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