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The Hon Tony Abbott MP
Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister

I am gravely concerned with the Australian Federal Police decision to end its permanent presence at Hobart Airport and to hand over to Tasmania Police. This change is apparently happening about now and the Tasmanian Police Commissioner is on record as saying Hobart Airport will only be visited as part of routine patrols.

If the terror threat in Australia has in fact increased like you've described in recent times, and competent terrorists continue to seek out innovative methods and soft targets as they have famously done in recent decades, then surely this decision by the AFP is reckless and in urgent need of reversal.

Tasmania Police is a very fine force. But it is the AFP that is set up to safeguard capital city airports and indeed will continue to do so in every other capital, regardless of what you decide to do about its Hobart presence.

I implore you to act quickly on this matter. Any tragedy would be all the worse if it could have been prevented.

Yours sincerely

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