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The Premier
Parliament House
Brisbane QLD 4000
Dear Ms Bligh

Re: The Queensland Driver's Licence

Thank you for your letter of 13 May, replying to mine of 14 March.

The closing paragraph of my letter contained two specific requests:

- the provision of more substantial information; and
- assurance that consultation is conducted with relevant organisations on a much more reliable basis than has been the case to date.

As to the first item, your letter failed to provide any substantive information.

As to the second, your letter stated that QCCL will be invited into consultations at an appropriate time. The project is at an advanced stage, and you state that a PIA is already in process; so those consultations are already overdue. Late consultations will be devoid of meaning, because the Department will be able to mount the conventional argument of *fait accompli*.

Your letter also signally avoided indicating that this organisation would be invited into even the seriously late consultations that you have committed the Department to hold. The APF performs a function complementary to that of the QCCL, having national scope, and a focus specifically on privacy. It was invited to consult in the earlier round. Why is it now excluded?

For these various reasons, the APF indicates its serious dissatisfaction with your response.

In our communications with the media, the APF's stance will be as follows:

"The Queensland Government:

- says that it is conducting what it refers to as a PIA, but in secret;
- has declined to provide information to the APF;
- has refused to involve the APF in consultative processes;
- is preparing a seriously privacy-invasive scheme that Queenslanders will in due course reject".

Yours sincerely

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