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Mr Andrew Rice
Assistant Secretary – Cyber and Identity Security Policy
National Security Resilience Policy Division
Attorney-General's Department

Dear Mr Rice

Re: The PIA Report on the DVS Extension Project

APF has participated in the Department of PM&C's consultation process relating to a National Trusted Identity Framework (NTIF), with phases in December 2011 and October 2012.

During a meeting in mid-October, it was apparent that industry representatives in the meeting were aware of the existence of a project being run by AGD to extend the DVS. This was the first occasion on which APF and other public interest advocacy organisations had heard of the project.

At the end of October, IIS provided us with the URL for the PIA Report on the project. After enquiries, we have pieced together the following:

- AGD had the project under way by at least the third quarter of 2011
- AGD contracted with IIS early in the fourth quarter of 2011 for the conduct of a PIA
- consultations were conducted with both industry and State governments
- no consultations were conducted with civil society, ostensibly because of a lack of time
- the project was mentioned in a small section of the Budget papers in May 2012, but it appears to have attracted little or no media attention
- IIS's PIA Report was complete by July 2012
- IIS's PIA Report recommended engagement with civil society
- AGD continued to avoid engagement with civil society
- AGD suppressed the PIA Report until 16 October
- AGD published it only after receiving an FOI request

Would you please advise whether any of the above is materially incorrect.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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