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Dear Dr Clarke

Thank you for your email dated 17 March 2010, in which you forwarded correspondence from the Australian Privacy Foundation, the Queensland Council for Civil Liberties, Civil Liberties Australia, the New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties and Liberty Victoria, about the key stakeholders that will be consulted in relation to the introduction of body scanners at Australia's international airports.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of consulting with relevant stakeholders regarding privacy concerns.

The Australian Privacy Commissioner is the national privacy regulator. The Commissioner performs key functions under the *Privacy Act 1988*, such as providing information and advice about privacy issues and the law. I am advised that the Office of the Privacy Commissioner works closely with a broad range of stakeholders including peak bodies, government departments and agencies, advocates, interest groups and other privacy authorities, including the members of the Privacy Authorities Australia forum. The Office of Transport Security (OTS) considers that the Office of the Privacy Commissioner is best placed to provide advice relating to privacy and assist with the development of appropriate privacy measures.