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Timothy Pilgrim  
Privacy Commissioner  
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

**By email: [timothy.pilgrim@oaic.gov.au](mailto:timothy.pilgrim@oaic.gov.au)**

Dear Mr. Pilgrim,

**Re: Consultation with Stakeholders**

We write to you to request that the Privacy Commissioner arrange regular meetings with privacy advocate stakeholders. We suggest that meetings should occur at least twice a year.

As you know, in the past regular consultations were arranged with stakeholders although these meetings ceased over 2 years ago. Although there is ad hoc consultation with privacy advocates there is currently no organised and regular consultation.

We contend that regular consultation is essential to ensure the Privacy Commissioner can keep privacy advocates informed of the activities of your office and get regular feedback from stakeholders on issues as they arise. We note that other regulators (for example, ACCC and ASIC) find consultations with stakeholders to be very valuable. We also note that the recent commencement of the Privacy Act is very likely to create emerging issues.

We look forward to discussing this further.

Yours sincerely

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