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Dear Dr Clarke, Dr Klugman and Messrs Cope, Murphy and Pearce

PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (PIA) FOR THE USE OF BODY SCANNERS AT AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY AIRPORTS

Thank you for your letter of 1 November 2010, and further correspondence to Ms Nicole Spencer of 2 February 2011, about the development of a PIA for the implementation in Australia of body scanning technologies. Following your most recent letter (sent by email), I have requested that Ms Spencer's Out of Office email response be updated with my contact details as the ongoing acting general manager. I apologise for the delay in replying.

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As outlined in my response of 28 October 2010, the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) is committed to considering privacy questions carefully through the PIA process and is working with the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) to this end. Members of my team met with the OAIC on 29 October 2010 to discuss the development of a PIA and we consult with them regularly on this and other issues. The information you provided ("Key Aspects of an Effective PIA Process") in your letter of 28 September 2010 has been a useful tool for us in the initial development of a PIA. My team met again with the OAIC on 7 February 2011 to discuss an initial draft of the PIA and plans for the next stakeholder roundtable meeting.

The Department is continuing to address the issues identified by stakeholders at the roundtable discussion of 22 September 2010 and has also taken into account the information you subsequently provided. Rather than comment on your proposals by separate correspondence, we have sought to address and consolidate these in the draft PIA so that all of the roundtable stakeholders might benefit from consideration of the proposals you outlined. We will be seeking further representation from your organisations and advocacy groups at another roundtable discussion we expect to hold in March 2011. A draft PIA will be provided to all roundtable participants prior to this meeting to inform discussion and enable stakeholders to comment on the draft. We welcome your contribution to this process.

The Department will continue to consult with stakeholders, including the OAIC, about how the application of new screening technologies can be best managed to achieve the intended security outcome and take into account a range of sensitivities surrounding privacy. Should you have queries in advance of the planned roundtable discussion, we would be pleased to meet with you or a representative from your organisations. Please contact Mr Allan Neate, Section Head, Optimal Technologies Program, by email to allan.neate@infrastructure.gov.au or at telephone 02 6274 7406 to make such arrangements.

Yours sincerely



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