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The Premier
Parliament House, Brisbane

cc. Ms L. Matthews, Privacy Commissioner, 160 Mary Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Ms Bligh

Re: The Queensland Driver's Licence

The Australian Privacy Foundation (APF) is the country's leading advocacy organisation in the privacy field.

I refer to a report in the Brisbane Times of 13 September, which says that "The new smartcard licences will start to become available in some parts of the state later this year ...".

In your reply to the APF on 13 May 2008, you indicated that a PIA was to be conducted on the project, and that the APF was to be involved.

Further, your Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Phil Reeves, advised on your behalf, on 3 November 2008, that "Queensland Transport advises that consultation will occur directly with the Australian Privacy Foundation".

But the APF has received no further communication on the matter. Further, no PIA Report appears on the Queensland Transport site. And the limited references to privacy on the site are quite inadequate.

A properly conducted PIA, including consultation with the relevant advocacy organisations, is a pre-requisite to the launch of a scheme of this nature.

Given both the deficient process that has been conducted, and the serious concerns expressed to QT in 2003 and yourself in 2008, the APF submits that it is essential that you instruct the Department to suspend its plans for implementation of the licence while action is taken to recover the situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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