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Dear Mr Clarke

Thank you for your letter of 14 March 2008, co-signed by Mr Michael Cope, President, Queensland Council for Civil Liberties, concerning a proposed Driver Licence Smartcard Project.

Queensland Transport undertook initial consultation with privacy advocates in 2004-05 during the concept phase of the New Queensland Driver Licence Project.

The project is currently progressing a Privacy Impact Assessment and findings from the assessment will be considered within the Privacy Management Plan.

I am also advised that Austroads had invited you to attend a briefing on the Smartcard Licence Interoperability Protocol on 1 May 2008 in Sydney. The Protocol is being developed in preparation for smartcard based driver licences in Australia.

The Honourable John Mickel MP, Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations has recently written to Mr Cope assuring him Queensland Transport will include the Queensland Council for Civil Liberties in the New Queensland Driver Licence consultations at the appropriate time.

Queensland Transport values and protects the privacy of individuals and will continue to work closely with other Government agencies to ensure that those protections remain high. The Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney-General is undertaking a review of the privacy regime in Queensland. As part of the review, a Privacy Reference Group has been formed to investigate possible options. Queensland Transport is an active member of this group.

If you require any further information, please call Ms Margaret Wolski, Director, New Queensland Driver Licence Project, Queensland Transport on (07) 3834 8918.

Again, thank you for bringing your views to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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