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The Hon. Nicola Roxon MP
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister Roxon,

Re: Psuedonymisation and the exposure draft Healthcare Identifiers Bill 2010

The Australian Privacy Foundation (APF) is the country's leading privacy advocacy organisation. I am writing in my capacity as Chair of the Health Sub Committee of the APF.

The APF understands from a recent report in the Courier Mail ("Health ID cover-up for some exposes risks" by Renee Viellaris) and on ABC Radio (January 20th, 612 ABC Brisbane Mornings presenter Madonna King) that Pseudonymisation will be a Health Identifier (HI) option for "well-known personalities" but not for Australians more generally. This view is different from our interpretation of the draft Health Identifier Bill. Thus, I ask that your office clarify the matter accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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