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I herewith would like to categorically express my strongest objection to the roll out of facial recognition surveillance in Australia.

There are serious concerns linked to the roll out of facial recognition technology here in Australia, which is a direct violation of our rights to privacy and is something that I therefore wholeheartedly reject. With the possibility of this technology being misused and abused, even us law abiding citizens have every reason to be concerned about this completely over the top and unfounded intrusion into our lives. There are no guarantees that this technology will not be misused, as there is plenty of scope to do so. There are also already plenty of reports from places that use such technology of errors occurring and people falsely being stopped and searched or detained when the recognition technology mistakes people for someone else. Apparently these errors occur mostly with women, could be the different make up or hair styles we use day to day or whatever else it is, either way there is far too much opportunity for misuse and error at the expense of our freedom.

I strongly feel that the roll out of surveillance cameras and its associated technology will take away our human right to privacy and curtail our freedom. We do not want a society like they have in China here in Australia.

There also is the danger that smart technology, including potentially the one linked to surveillance cameras will be able to send data about us, our whereabouts, our habits, our consumption foods etc. to companies, agencies or whoever else might have any interest in our data. Again this constitutes a serious violation of our rights to privacy.

I therefore request that the Australian government respects the rights of its citizens and stop any plans to roll out surveillance systems.

Yours sincerely,

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