

I would like to make a submission in regards to Aviation Security and in particular the issuing of ASIC cards

I am of firm belief there should be tighter restrictions on the issuing of ASIC cards particularly regarding an applicants criminal history.

At the present moment people are issued ASIC cards despite having lengthy criminal records. I have been told that as long as they don't have "aviation related" offences on their history they are given these cards.

Firstly what are aviation related offences? This granting of ASIC cards to persons with serious criminal history to me is wrong.

I am aware that some people who currently hold ASIC cards have a long criminal history away from the airport. The offences are usually indictable (serious) and usually involve assault charges, drug offences and stealing/burglary offences.

I have read that terrorists and organised crime figures are attempting to infiltrate airports by either placing their "own" members in employment or approach persons who are criminals as they were seen as an easy way to gather evidence on airport security procedures and general access to airside of the airport as well as being generally anti "establishment" etc.

I think any person with a criminal record involving any indictable offences should be excluded from holding an ASIC card. Persons with summary offences should be assessed on an individual basis.

If one studies most people's criminal behaviour the usual pattern are minor offences as a juvenile, then eventually "graduating" to more serious offences as time goes on as an adult?

The other major concern are persons issued with VIC cards, these are temporary cards for persons to go airside so long as they are in the company of someone holding an ASIC card.

There are no checks done on the people given VIC cards who may have lengthy current criminal records or criminal connections

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