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Submission Response

Feedback is provided on:

Review of the Identity-Matching Services Bill 2018 & the Australian
Passports Amendment (Identity-Matching Services) Bill 2018

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About the Australian Security Industry Association Limited (ASIAL)

ASIAL is the peak national body representing security professionals in Australia. The Association is comprised of over 2,600 members ranging from large corporate entities to small and medium sized operations.

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- ✓ a Registered Organisation of Employers under the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*
- ✓ an Approved Security Industry Association under security legislation in the Australian Capital Territory, Queensland and Victoria
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 ASIAL appreciates the opportunity to provide a response to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) for the review of the Identity-Matching Services Bill 2018 and the Australian Passports Amendment (Identity-Matching Services) Bill 2018.
- 1.2 The security industry is closely involved in the use and application of technology including the use of biometrics and facial recognition programs. Quality industry representatives have and continue to be trusted partners of government in the installation and provision of such equipment and programs to manage the outcomes.
- 1.3 ASIAL supports the direction of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Identity Matching Services (IAG) for the collection, use and disclosure of facial images and related identity information between the IAG signatories for the;
 - Preventing identity crime
 - General law enforcement
 - National Security
 - Community safety
 - Road safety, and
 - Identity verification.
- 1.4 The security industry operates under a regulated regime that includes probity for licensed individuals providing a security activity. These activities include the installation of security equipment which typically covers the surveillance equipment relative to the identity-matching services. ASIAL is concerned regarding the provision of identity matching systems, where the installation and management of the technical systems are provided by people and organisations that have not been subjected to suitable or regulated probity.

2. Comment

- 2.1 With the increased concern regarding the prevention and identity of crime, cyber security, terrorism, national security, protective security and community safety, the installation of any security measure requires integrity of individuals that are engaged to provide the contracted services.
- 2.2 Security measures continue to expand into the world of technology. ASIAL extends concern over the opportunities provided to individuals and organisations that may have unvetted access to systems, information and security equipment without appropriate probity. These individuals and organisations include IT technicians, risk managers and cyber security consultants.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that the PJCIS, in support of the Identity-Matching Services Bill 2018, consider recommending that individuals including IT technicians, risk managers and cyber security consultants, be captured within the appropriate jurisdictional security licensing, where probity will be provided on an ongoing basis for the continued protection and integrity of Australian security measures.