

I submit to this committee a letter which I sent to my local MP earlier in the year. His slow response did not alleviate any of my concerns and I wish for the committee to take my opinion into consideration and NOT pass the proposed bill.

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Mr Zappia

I am writing to formally request that you not endorse nor allow the proposed legislature that would force 'selected' international passengers from being forced into Fully Body Scans with the new devices that are set to be installed at all main international airports throughout Australia.

Having researched these machines during the last few years there is no doubt that these devices are unsafe and could possibly cause serious health issues (like cancer).

Currently in the United States, travellers have the option to 'opt out' from a full body scan. I feel that it is dangerous that you and your government could potentially force my family and myself to be potentially harmful radiation just to secure a plane. How many 'terrorists' have these devices caught in America? The answer is ZERO. These devices are dangerous and will only lead to health issues for travellers and the staff that operators alike.

Speaking of travellers, I believe that as a result of this legislation that you would be required to be scanned (exposed) each and every time you travel to Canberra. I would love for you to place video online showing you going through the device, endorsing the device and carrying a radiation dosimeter to show how 'safe' it really is.

Furthermore, all staff that are to come in contact with these devices should have the anonymous option to carry a dosimeter in order to fully understand how much radiation they have been exposed to. My research indicates that not only do these devices smother the passenger with radiation but they 'leak' radiation to the surrounding areas (which are occupied by staff). Imagine being exposed all day every day at work. Cancer cluster everyone (See <http://healthland.time.com/2011/06/30/did-airport-scanners-give-boston-tsa-agents-cancer/>)?

A lot of talk in the media over the coming week regarding this topic will be about the ability of these devices to see through clothes and produce 'naked' pictures of the public. To be honest I do not care about this. I'd rather be stripped than exposed to a device like the Full Body Scanner. That's how much I despise these devices.

So what is the solution:

- 1) Do not allow these devices to be installed at Australian airports.
- 2) Failing that, allow passengers to 'opt out' and receive a pat down.

Should you vote for this device or should I be presented with the device at an airport with an 'opt out' option please consider my vote lost for any future election that you are up for.

Sincerely

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