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**Subject:** Privacy Bill  
The Secretary  
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal & Constitutional Affairs  
Parliament House  
Canberra

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Privacy Bill table 12 April 2000

On behalf of consumers concerned about the distribution of private information without their informed consent, Latrobe Community Health Service wishes to convey that:

If a company wants to compile a database containing private information, it must seek written informed consent of the consumer, ie. the consumer must "opt in" to be part of an organisation's data base; and

It should be illegal for information given for one purpose eg. filling out forms, using credit cards etc. to be used for another purpose without the informed written consent of the consumer.

Yours sincerely

Val Callister  
Chief Executive Officer