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Subject: Comment on Inquiry into the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill 2000
To The Committee Secretary

Dear Sir or Madam,

We wish to submit to the committee our support of the Bill as it appeared during the draft exposure and as it was tabled.

We have welcomed and participated in the consultative process during the drawing up of the Bill. We strongly support the role of such a bill in providing uniformity of legislation across Australia. We firmly believe a national scheme is necessary to avoid a patchwork of legislation that would be onerous for organisations to comply with and confusing to individuals, particularly when dealing with an organisation not based in their own state.

We have one concern regarding the exemption of small businesses and of employee records: as a provider of superannuation, information about our clients' accounts with us may form part of the employee records in a business of any size, including small ones. The exemption of small businesses and also of employee records makes the exposure or inappropriate transmission of such data more possible, and we would wish this avoided in the interests of clients having full confidence in privacy protection.

I trust these comments are of value during the enquiry. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can add further detail.

Yours sincerely
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