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Dr Jacqueline Dewar  
Committee Secretary  
Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission  
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Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Dewar

### **ACC Responses to Matters Raised at the PJC Hearing on 6 July 2007**

With reference to the PJC Inquiry into the future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society I would like to provide responses to the three matters raised during the ACC appearance before the Committee in Canberra on 6 July 2007.

The first matter relates to the PJC Chair's request that I provide a considered response regarding Customs access to telephone intercept powers. I have reviewed the information provided to the PJC by Customs and my earlier advice to the Committee remains unchanged. The question of whether or not Customs should have access to telephone interception powers is a matter for Government and it would be inappropriate for the ACC to offer comment on this issue. The ACC is, however, aware that Customs and the Attorney-General's Department are working together on this matter.

The second matter relates to my undertaking to provide an explanatory diagram to show the current functions and connectivity issues between CRIMTRAC and ACC databases. Diagrams of these databases are attached. I would like to nominate Mr Kevin Kitson, the ACC's Executive Director Strategic Outlook and Policy, as the ACC contact if further information on this matter is required by the Committee.

The third matter relates to my undertaking to inform you of what the ACC has been doing in regards to the issue of a contempt power, since it was raised at the 2005 Review of the ACC Act. While noting that the Government has not yet responded to the recommendations from the PJC-ACC Review of the ACC Act, the ACC has undertaken the following activities to advance the contempt issue. We have prepared a paper on the issue to inform discussions with the Attorney-General's Department, held discussions with the Attorney-General's Department on this issue and contributed to the independent review of the operation of certain statutory provisions of the *National Crime Authority Act 1984* and the *Australian Crime Commission Act*

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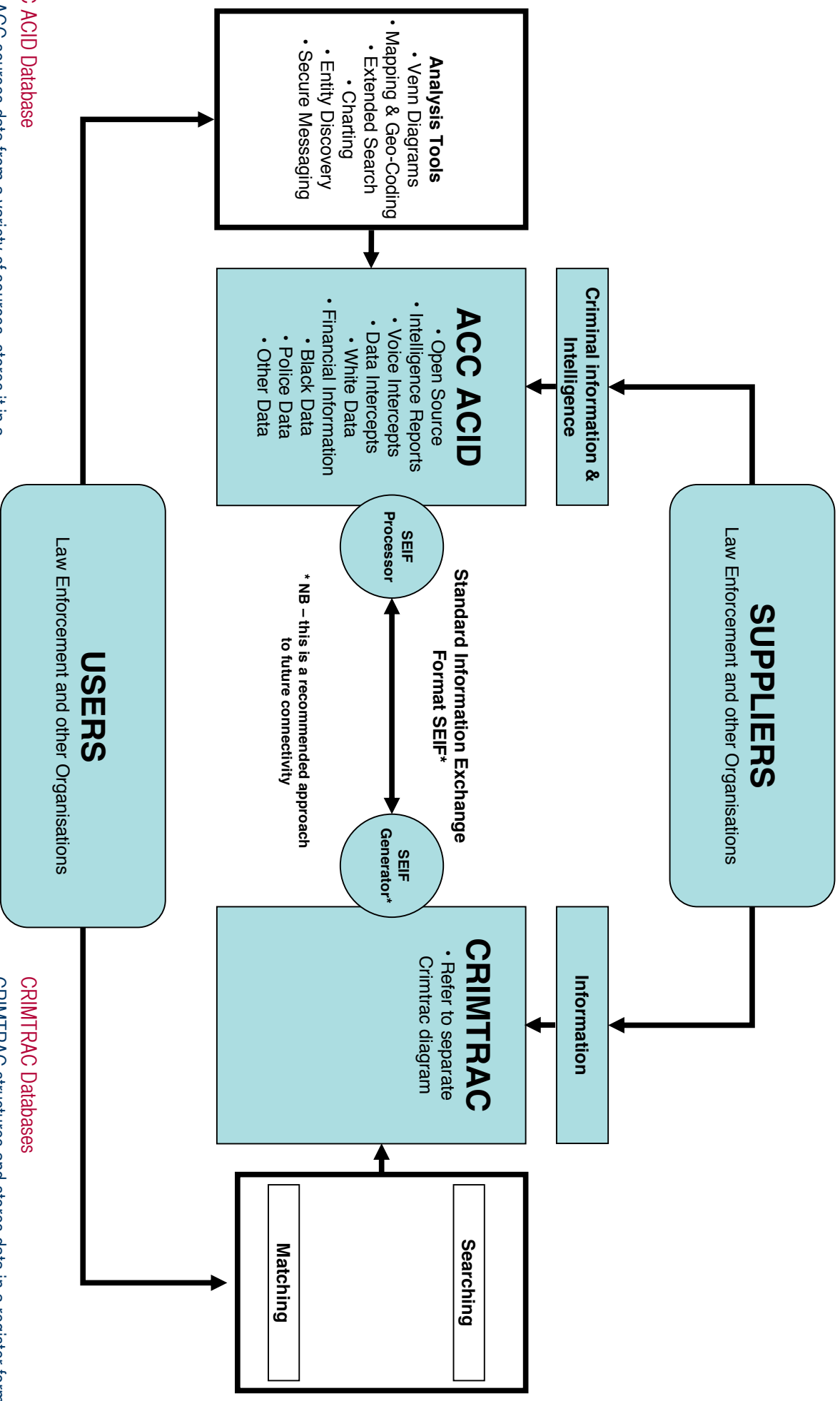
2002. The review has been completed and we understand that the Department is awaiting responses from members of the Inter-Governmental Committee on the ACC. The review will be tabled in Parliament when all responses have been received.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alastair Milroy', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Alastair Milroy  
Chief Executive Officer  
13 August 2007

# ACC & CRIMTRAC DATABASES



## ACC ACID Database

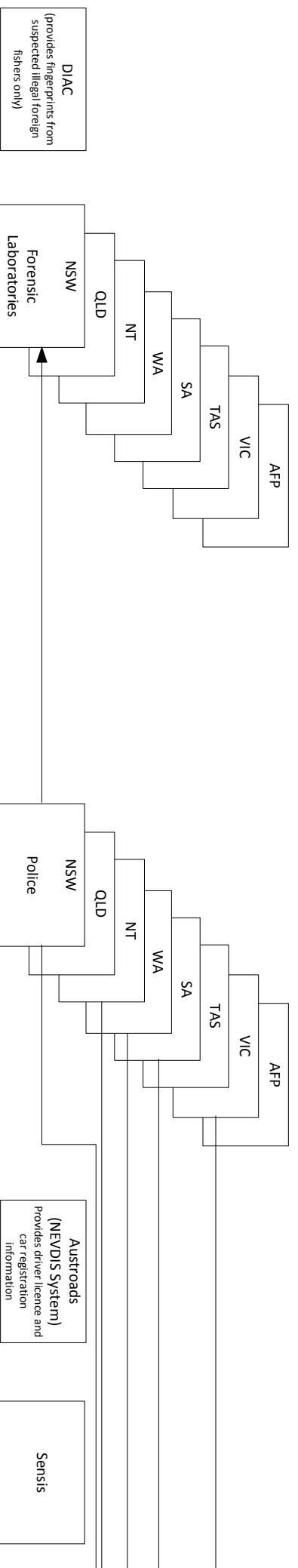
The ACC sources data from a variety of sources, stores it in a central database (ACID), and provides sophisticated Analysis tools to assist analysts derive intelligence from both structured and unstructured data. This intelligence is used to assist in identifying new issues, defining trends and assisting in decision making. The tools provided in ACID also support the secure sharing of information between jurisdictions.

## CRIMTRAC Databases

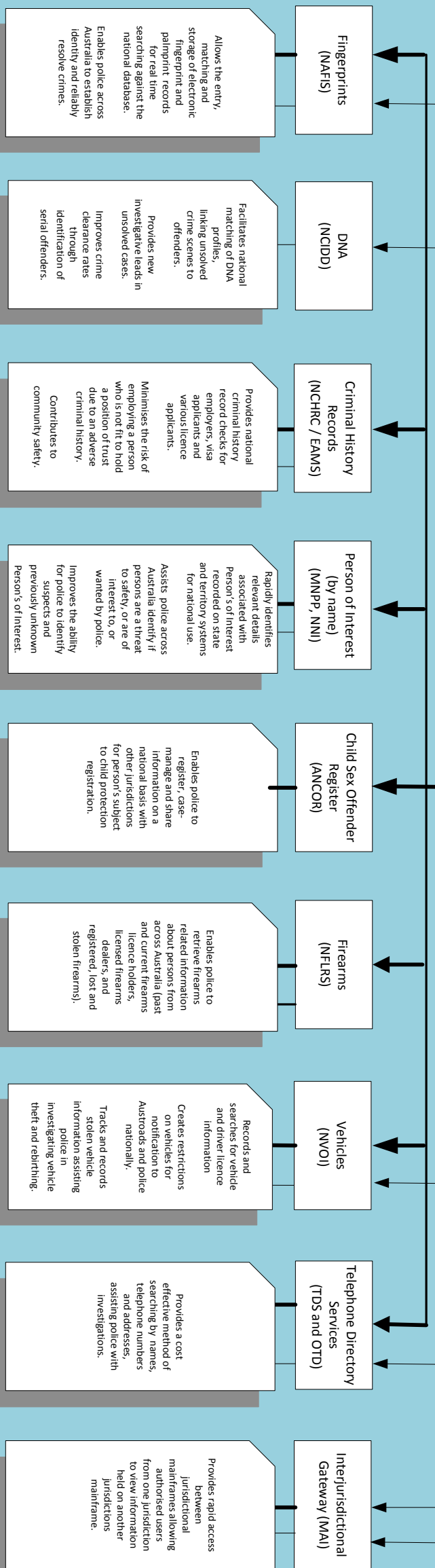
CRIMTRAC structures and stores data in a register format that it used by operational police searching for a single point of truth. CRIMTRAC provide police with fast, on-line, easy to use access to consolidated national operational information. This information augments the other tools that police officers need to do their job on a daily basis.

# CRIMTRAC – LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

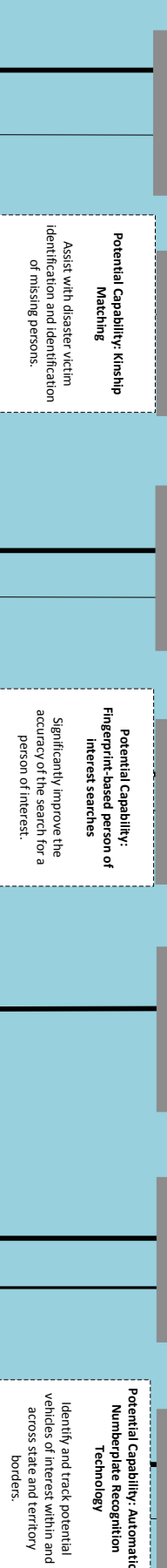
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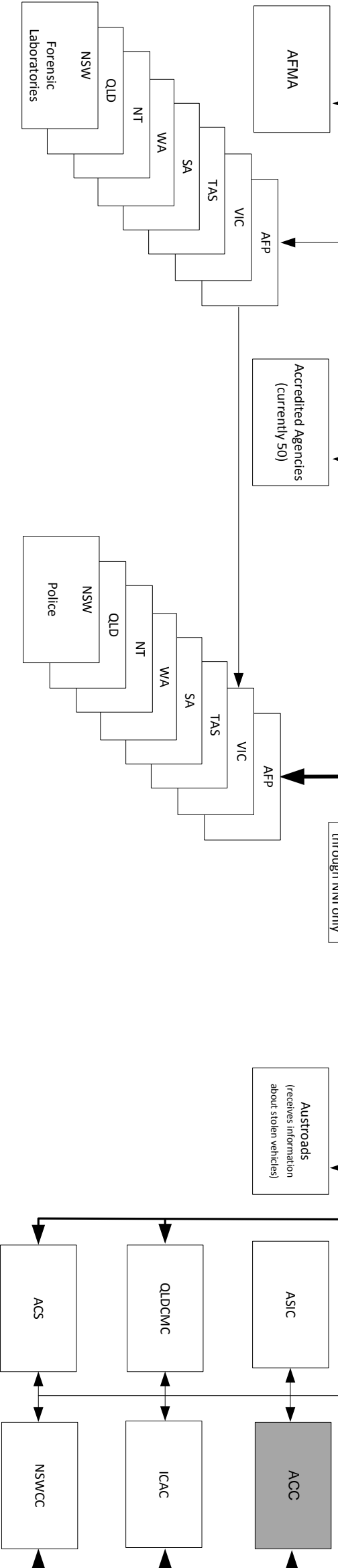
## PROVISION OF NATIONAL SEARCHING AND MATCHING CAPABILITIES



## Services and Benefits



## Customers



**CRIMTRAC**  
Responsive • Innovative • Accountable

**VISION**  
CrimTrac will take a leadership role in generating national approaches to information sharing solutions for law enforcement agencies, for a safer Australia.

CrimTrac aims to enhance Australian law enforcement with an emphasis on information-based policing facilitated through rapid access to detailed, current and accurate police information.

CrimTrac acts as an information broker providing operational police, and increasingly other law enforcement agencies, with fast, on-line, easy to use access to national operational policing information. This information augments the other tools that police officers need to do their job on a daily basis.

CrimTrac is also required under its strategic plan to be proactive in identifying and investigating emerging information technologies and opportunities that would be beneficial to law enforcement agencies for consideration by stakeholders.

### Potential Capability: Linkage between CrimTrac systems and ACC-ACID system

- Requires agreement as to the type of information to be accessed from CrimTrac systems by the ACC
- Requires agreement on information exchange protocols (CrimTrac Interoperability Architecture which complies with the AGIMO endorsed standard for information exchange or SIEF).
- Requires approval by the Board of Management (information owners) of information exchange arrangements.