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Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

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Dear Committee,
Re: Submission to Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007

The Access Card will be a national identity card and creates the opportunity for future misuse, commercial exploitation, and invasion of privacy. No case has been made for its necessity.

Future Misuse

The database technology potentially enables government and private businesses to track the normal movements of Australians.

Storing huge amounts of data in one system renders any breach far more serious than if the data were stored separately by those requiring it. Hackers succeed.

Commercial Exploitation

The tendering process for construction of the Access Card system involves many subcontractors. Who will ensure that all components of the system operate perfectly?

Invasion of Privacy

The Card creates an identity database unprecedented in Australia. This is not how democracies operate.

The Bill allows for 'other information' to be included in the future.

No Case Made for Access Card

It is well known that Australians do not want a national identity card. The estimate of \$1.09 billion to implement this card will doubtless increase before it is finished. One could imagine that the government is creating a database that will be very useful, once operating, for marketers, the police, hackers, and other opportunists, through data matching and data farming. In fact it is hard to see what benefit the public will get.

Sincerely,
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