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**Submission - Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007**

Please accept the following comments regarding the above mentioned Bill.

I am disappointed by the governments apparent lack of genuine desire to facilitate real discussion and debate about the Access Card prior to the announcement of the above mentioned Bill and see no valid reason for the Bill to be rushed through.

A Bill of the magnitude and of such far reaching consequences on the every day lives of Australians must be put to all Australians to decide on. It should be conducted democratically at the next Federal election by way of a referendum.

I am utterly disgusted by the continued public trivialisation of the Access Card by senior Government Ministers during the past six months. The Access card, no matter what any Government or political party may choose to call it is an ID Card and once it exists individuals will be called upon by the public and private sector as a means of identification. It will be used as a means of surveillance.

The Government is taking the position that all Australians are to be monitored to manage the thirty percent that use social services of whom only a very small percentage may be defrauding the Commonwealth. The Governments proposition in this regard is a total contradiction to the principles of democracy and natural justice.

The thought of any government deciding to impose a very powerful, very intrusive and very nasty ID card on Australians after it was totally rejected by an overwhelming majority of Australians some twenty years ago makes me feel very worried about the agenda of the government and the long term consequences on the Australian democratic process.

Please note that I do agree to this submission being copied in physical or electronic purposes of the Parliamentary enquiry and for the publication of the submission in written and electronic form'.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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