

The Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
Department of the Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

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Re: Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007

I make the following submission regarding the *Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007*. I agree to this submission being copied in physical or electronic form.

The Federal Government made no mention of the introduction of an Access Card or any other form of National ID card during the lead up to or at the time of the last Federal election. Given its significance and the potential it has to impact on so many functions of our daily lives it must not be pushed through Parliament or the Senate simply because the Government chooses to.

The Australian people rejected the Australia Card/ID card two decades ago. I opposed the notion of an ID card then in any shape or form and I still oppose it today.

I become so frustrated by instances like this where Government tackles an issue by over-burdening (and in this case sacrificing the privacy and natural justice) of the whole population in an attempt to catch out a minority of people accused of claiming invalid social service benefits. Further, the Australian people have not been able to scrutinise the cost of this initiative as the Government still has not provided any cost benefit analysis to justify the need to impose this overly intrusive mechanism.

Australians are totally focussed on the drought, how adequate water supplies will be sourced into the future and global warming. I oppose the manner in which the Bill is being introduced. There has been very little public consultation, there has been virtually no public debate and the whole matter, given its importance has been rushed by the Government at the expense of the democratic process with no good reason. What is the rush?

This is such an important issue that I believe it should be put to all Australians at the next Federal Election.

Yours sincerely,

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