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Committee Secretary
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Dear Committee Secretary

Police and Other Legislation (Identity and Biometric Capability) Amendment Bill 2018

The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the inquiry into the Police and Other Legislation (Identity and Biometric Capability) Amendment Bill 2018 (the bill). The contents of this letter are unclassified and suitable for public release.

The ACIC is Australia's national criminal intelligence agency, uniquely equipped with intelligence, investigative and information sharing functions. The ACIC is responsible for delivering various biometric platforms for law enforcement, including the National Criminal Investigation DNA Database and the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System.

The ACIC supports efforts to enhance the sharing of identity information nationally to support law enforcement objectives. The ACIC notes that, as currently drafted, the provisions in the bill may unnecessarily restrict the purposes for which information made available through the face matching services could lawfully be used. In particular, restrictions may apply to the use of such information for intelligence purposes, where it does not relate to national security.

Should your office require further information please have them contact Mr Jeremy Johnson on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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