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Mr Jim Pearce
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Dear Mr Pearce,

Thank you for your letter dated 31 October 2007, inviting the South Australia Police (SAPOL) to make a submission for the Queensland Inquiry into Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology.

SAPOL began to explore the concept of ANPR camera technology in May 2003 and conducted an evaluation using dedicated operators between 1 October 2005 and 30 September 2006. This trial has been extended until February 2008.

As at 13 November 2007 the SAPOL ANPR Database consists of over 2 million entries and includes:

- Unregistered, uninsured, wrecked and defected vehicles;
- Disqualified and suspended drivers;
- Stolen vehicles and registration number plates;
- Persons with First Instance Warrants.

As SAPOL's trial does not conclude until early next year I am unable to provide further detail at this time.

The use of ANPR technology has also been the subject of discussion at the Australian Police Ministers Conference in 2006. As a result the CrimTrac Agency conducted an ANPR 'workshop' in Canberra during October 2006 at which SAPOL was represented.

The CrimTrac Chief Executive Officer Mr Ben McDevitt may be in a position to provide some information to your Committee. The postal address for the CrimTrac Agency is GPO Box 1573 Canberra ACT 2601.

Yours sincerely

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