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Dear Ms Crighton

Thank you for the letter from the Travelsafe Committee of 14 December 2007 inviting a submission to the Inquiry into the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology. This submission has addressed the Issues Paper as it concerns data management and privacy. It does not attempt to address any policing or traffic management issues.

There is no expectation that this submission will be kept confidential.

I have consulted with the presiding officer of the Privacy Committee of South Australia, whom I note was also sent a copy of the letter, and provide the following comments.

The collection, storage, use and disclosure of personal information by Queensland Government agencies are directed by a similar administrative privacy regime to that of South Australia. Both the Queensland and the South Australian Information Privacy Principles include instruction about the security and integrity of the personal data.

Good security requires consideration of the physical storage of the data and who has access to it. Integrity of data requires the relevant agency to ensure its authenticity and to uphold any individual's right to apply to an agency to access and correct information about their personal affairs. The Queensland Government's Freedom of Information legislation, similar to South Australia's, provides a right for individuals to seek amendment to records held by government when they believe a record is incomplete, incorrect, out of date or misleading. It is therefore anticipated that any program involving the handling of personal information, such as the introduction of ANPR, will continue to uphold the relevant principles.

The recognition of a vehicle's number plate will lead to the use of the personal information of the driver of the vehicle. Privacy Principles generally allow such personal information to be used in the enforcement of the criminal law, or as required under any other law. In the instances where an infringement notice will be provided to the registered owner, this is considered reasonable.

However, the Issues Paper also suggests that part of the process will result in a photograph being taken of the driver and other occupants of the vehicle, but does not explain how the driver will be identified, or recorded as a person who is not the registered owner. Some privacy concerns may be found in the identification of, and therefore collection and use of personal information about individuals who are not the registered owner(s) of the vehicle.

I trust that the above information is of assistance

Yours sincerely

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**MINISTER FOR FINANCE**

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