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To whom it may concern,

This letter is being submitted to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) in support of a submission by Leidos for modification to its existing body scanner Class License as part of this year's ACMA works program. The Australian Airports Association (AAA) supports Leidos' request to allow for their new generation PV3 Body Scanner which operate in the 20-40 GHz band.

The AAA represents the interests of more than 350 airports and aerodromes Australia wide, including all Designated, Tier 1 and Tier 2 security-controlled airports where security screening equipment is in use. This is in addition to around 150 corporate members including aviation security screening providers and suppliers of security screening equipment. Leidos is a Corporate Member of the AAA.

Aviation security in Australia currently faces significant challenges, including the high false alarm rates of body scanning equipment. This is a major pain point in aviation security across the industry: for the Department of Home Affairs, airports, security screening companies and equipment suppliers.

Leidos' PV3 body scanner is expected to help government and industry deal with this pain point by increasing passenger throughput and enhancing security outcomes at all security-controlled airports in Australia. Most importantly, the equipment is expected to significantly reduce the rate of false alarms, which also significantly decreases the need for time-consuming, confrontational and stressful secondary 'pat down' inspections.

The AAA understands other regulatory bodies around the world such as the United States' Federal Communications Commission have granted a formal blanket waiver for spectrum licensing the PV3 body scanner with the expanded frequency range of 20-40 GHz.

The AAA urges ACMA to approve Leidos' modification request to their existing Class Licence for their PV3 body scanner based on the reasons provided above. Should you have any questions on the AAA's letter of support, please contact Mr. Scott Martin, Director of Policy and Advocacy on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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