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Australian Communications and Media Authority
Level 3
40 Cameron Avenue
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Dear ACMA

I am writing to request a review of the existing body scanner licensing arrangements. Hobart Airport is committed to embracing technological innovation to enhance safety, efficiency, and the overall passenger experience within our industry.

In recent years, there have been significant advancements in security screening, particularly in body scanning technology. However, we are aware the current regulatory framework may not fully support the integration of these innovations.

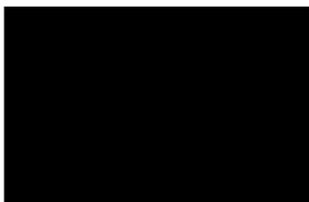
Body scanners are a key part of the security process and ensure rigorous detection of threats at the airport. Hobart Airport currently uses Leidos' ProVision 2 body scanners for our security screening process. However, we would like to upgrade to newer Leidos ProVision 3 (PV3) body scanners.

The existing regulatory framework does not permit airports to operate body scanners in the 20-40GHz radiofrequency range or at the necessary power levels to deploy PV3s. However, we understand it is this expanded radiofrequency range that provides significant benefits in terms of greater detection of objects through clothes, higher resolution of images and lower false alarm rates.

Such technology will be extremely valuable to Hobart Airport as it provides many operational advantages. Hobart Airport is the main throughput for passengers in Tasmania and we would like to ensure the security screening process adopts the latest technologies and efficiencies to accommodate large volumes of passengers.

We request the ACMA consider our submission for inclusion of this issue in its work program for the coming year.

Kind Regards



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