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Australian Communications and Media Authority
Level 3
40 Cameron Avenue
Belconnen ACT 2617

Dear Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA),

I am writing to propose an amendment to the current Body Scanner Class Licence to include the operation of body scanners in the 20-40 GHz frequency range as part of this year's Work Program. This change is crucial for enhancing the security and efficiency of passenger screening at Devonport Airport and other airports across Australia.

Devonport Airport currently utilises the Leidos ProVision 2 Body Scanner (PV2) for passenger screening. However, we are considering upgrading to next-generation body scanner due to the significant operational benefits, which are vital for national aviation security. Advanced scanners enhance detection capabilities for weapons and other prohibited items, whilst reducing the need for intrusive physical searches by minimising of false alarms. This reduction in false alarms will streamline passenger processing and increase throughput at checkpoints. Additionally, it will address human factor concerns, as security screening staff often become disheartened and demotivated by the high false alarm rates associated with outdated equipment.

Devonport Airport is concerned that ACMA may not proceed with a timely review of the class licence. We strongly believe that this review should be prioritised, as the new generation technology is available today, upgrades body scanning technology is essential for enhancing security outcomes at airports.

We respectfully request that ACMA grant due consideration to Leidos' submission for the inclusion of the new generation of body scanners in the 2026/27 Work Program

Yours sincerely,



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