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Australian Communications and Media Authority
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RE: ACMA Spectrum Licensing Submission

To whom it may concern,

My name is John Carroll, and I serve as the Passenger Screening and Security Compliance Supervisor at Onslow Airport. In my role, I oversee the compliance and efficient operation of our airport's security screening points.

I am writing to request that the Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA) consider updating the current Body Scanner Class Licence as part of this year's Work Program to permit the use of body scanners operating in the 20-40 GHz frequency range.

At Onslow Airport, we currently use the Leidos ProVision 2 Body Scanner (PV2) for passenger screening. We are exploring the possibility of upgrading to next-generation body scanners due to their operational benefits. This advanced technology is vital for enhancing the national aviation security framework for several reasons outlined below.

Advanced millimetre wave scanning technology offers improved detection capabilities for contraband, which might be missed by older MMW technologies and also has reduced false alarm rates leading to fewer delays in passenger processing, shorter processing times allowing airports to optimise operational capacity, and an overall improved passengerexperience.

High false alarm rates with current body scanners are a significant challenge in the aviation sector. The next-generation body scanners are ideal for security screening., enhancing screening performance and efficiency without adding operational pressure.

The expected low false alarm rates of new generation scanner is a game changer in the industry. They will streamline passenger processing and increase throughput.

Onslow Airport believes that a review of the class licence should not be delayed, as new body scanning technology should be available to airports as soon as possible to improve security outcomes.

We respectfully request that ACMA give due consideration to Leidos' submission into the Work Program.

Yours sincerely

John Carroll
Passenger Screening & Security Compliance Supervisor