



Our reference:C13327: MH

Mr Michael Cope  
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**IN CONFIDENCE**

Dear Mr Cope

**ID SCANNING PROPOSAL IN CLUBS IN BRISBANE**

I refer to your letter to the Privacy Commissioner, dated 3 December 2009, expressing concern about a proposal by various clubs in the Fortitude Valley area of Brisbane to introduce scanning of fingerprints and driver's licences of all patrons entering those premises. I am replying on behalf of the Privacy Commissioner.

The Commissioner is aware of this proposal and opened an "own motion" investigation in November. The "own motion" investigation power allows the Commissioner to investigate an act or practice that may be an interference with the privacy of an individual. The *Privacy Act 1988* requires that investigations be conducted in private, so I will be unable to provide any progress reports on our investigation. At this stage we are seeking further information about the proposal.

Thank you for raising this matter with the Office.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hummerston  
Assistant Privacy Commissioner

17 December 2009