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Submitted to **Health Legislation Amendment (Data-matching) Bill 2019**

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Introduction

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The Department of Health would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your preference:

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Stakeholder Consultation Questions

1. Do you have concerns about this legislation with regard to privacy protections, the Privacy Act 1988 or the role of the Australian Information Commissioner?

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Yes.

Despite the proposed limitations on this scheme, I have no faith that it will not be subject to scope creep as I understand happened with telephone metadata moving from assurances about only being used in exceptional circumstances and to deal with serious crime or national security to being used by local councils to identify people tipping rubbish where they should not and similar 'weighty' matters.

I simply do not trust the present administration to hold out on this and can easily imagine the Department of Home affairs mounting an argument that it could be used in future for completely different purposes e.g. we know the person we seek had Hep C once, lets cross check geographic information about people receiving tests or treatment for that with other information to refine our searches. That's just off the top of my head but the tentacles of data matching will throw up things we might now regard as bizarre and infringe our freedom and privacy in ways we cannot presently imagine.

2. Are there any additional agencies and entities that should be listed for potential disclosure of MBS and/or PBS information, or notification of compliance outcomes for public interest reasons?

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I'd rather the sharing of information was held at bay, not encouraged

3. Are there any other data sources that would be appropriate to match with MBS and/or PBS data for Medicare compliance purposes?

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No

4. Are there any additional safety and quality concerns in the health system that could be addressed through access to other data?

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I'd rather it was not done

5. Should there be any other compliance purposes which should be permitted under the proposed legislation?

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If we cannot stop this, require evidence of a prima facie case and sanction by a judge before anyone goes poking round in my health care information.

6. Are there adequate transparency and accountability mechanisms built in to the framework?

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The behaviour of the current administration suggests to me that the only adequate safeguard is to not enable this measure

7. If you have further comments, please provide them below.

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