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Department of the Senate

Submission via website: <https://senate.aph.gov.au/submissions>

Dear Mr Hallahan

**Inquiry into the Personal Property Securities  
(Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009**

Thank you for your email and letter of 29 October 2009 inviting the Office of the Privacy Commissioner ('the Office') to consider making a submission to the Inquiry into the Personal Property Securities (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009.<sup>1</sup>

The Office supports the amendments to the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) made under Schedule 5 of the Consequential Amendments Bill. The Office also welcomes the Bill's clarification that section 157 of the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009* (Cth), if enacted, will provide for interferences with privacy in relation to individuals only, not to corporations (Schedule 4 of the Bill, item 40).

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Privacy Commissioner

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<sup>1</sup> Available at  
<http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;query=Id%3A%22legislation%2Fbillhome%2Fr4228%22>