



**Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services -  
Questions on notice relating to Mobile payment and digital wallet financial  
services inquiry**

**Apple Pty Limited**

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Does Apple consider Bluetooth LE a viable technology to underpin future POS mobile payments? If so, does Apple intend to provide direct or restricted access for third parties to BLE chips on its mobile devices?

**Apple response:** Any developer can use Bluetooth technology on Apple devices. The developer's app must ask permission to use Bluetooth functions except to play audio to a Bluetooth device, which doesn't require permission. The permission prompt includes a brief explanation of how the app uses Bluetooth, which may include discovering nearby devices, refining location information and other uses.