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SUBMISSION RE THREE BILLS - BORDER FORCE, GOOD ORDER IN DETENTION CENTRES, AND BIOIMETRICS

SUBMISSION FROM JENNIFER WILLS

March 30, 2015

STRENGTHENING BIOMETRICS INTEGRITY BILL 2015

I strongly object to the power given in this Bill to collect personal identifying data from minors without the consent or presence of parent, guardian or independent person. Surely this proposal counters the Government's duty of care responsibilities to children and contravenes the intent of the Convention on the Rights of the Children, to which Australia is a signatory. It is somewhat chilling to consider that this undermining of the rights of children should be contained in legislation that purports to strengthen integrity.