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The backscatter X-ray technology and millimeter-wave technology screeners won't add any NET benefit except to the pockets of the company involved at huge expense of taxpayers [1], airlines [2] and untold damages to the tourism industry. Therefore it would be prudent to exclude the use of such scanners to retain a competitive tourist advantage over USA. Especially in light of the abuse, losses and erosion of privacy that scanners and patdowns have caused.

I am appalled similarly that the rationale for a complete picture of people's body is because there's a frisk that implies it's acceptable for potentially wide-reaching privacy implications of digital images. One can see that there had been evidence that the technology still allows images to be saved [3]. Therefore I want protections in place for the privacy of the people, otherwise they are no different to full frisk searches but in fact, worse.

Personally, I demand immediate cancellation of any contracts involved. If the company gets remuneration for the cancellation, I want an inquiry as to why the company essentially got paid with taxpayer dollars before the government listened to the public on air security.

These are the proposed amendments:

After subsection 44(3)

Replace 3A (c) with: except body scanning equipment such as an active millimetre wave body scanner are explicitly disallowed.

Add 3A (d) with: except body scanning equipment such as an active X-ray body scanner are explicitly disallowed.

Replace 3B with; If the images from scanners are released;

- a) The government will prosecute the company provisioning the scanners.
- b) The company is subject to penalty of 2000 Penalty Units for each infraction for failure to ensure appropriate secure scan and deletion of images taken of victim(s).
- c) Penalty is payable to the victim(s).
- [1] http://www.crikey.com.au/2012/02/07/body-scanners-in-australian-international-airports/
- [2] http://edition.cnn.com/2010/TRAVEL/11/12/travel.screening/
- [3] http://gizmodo.com/5690749/these-are-the-first-100-leaked-body-scans