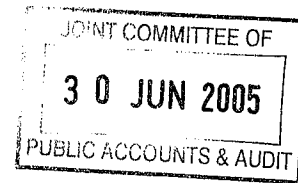


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## Aviation Security Enquiry – Airport Security

The following comments are submitted for consideration. They are my observations from a recent trip.

1. If it is necessary for personal body checks to be carried out then a screen should be in place so that the traveller's own privacy is maintained. Eg. When the wand is passed over you, jeans, decorative studs, buckles and bra clasps/underwires can set it off which then may require further investigation. A traveller is not always aware that the checking process is so detailed and suddenly their privacy is being compromised as further physical checks are then required, often in a very public situation. It also publicizes the fact to everyone they are wearing a money belt/shoulder strap pocket. Their own private security arrangements is then being compromised.
2. When personal items are being searched there should be booths set up so that privacy of the traveller's contents is maintained. It would also reduce the risk of items being caught up with other travellers or prevent items from slipping off the table and going astray.
3. The above to be implemented when random checks by customs carries out bag checks behind the scenes.
4. If customs does carry out a random check on a bag by breaking a lock, then the bag should be resealed to prevent any tampering. The lock should be replaced or at least the bag should be "wrapped" so that the traveller knows the contents have been protected once the customs check was completed.
5. Do the detectors pickup silicon objects?

On a brighter note. I noticed that all airports look pretty much the same – lots of concrete. Is there a place at the Australian Airports to erect a sign to say:

"Welcome to ????????, Australia"

It would be a nice touch for tourists new to the country and Australians returning home.