

**Submission
No 1**

**INQUIRY INTO REMEDIES FOR THE SERIOUS INVASION
OF PRIVACY IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Dear Law and Justice Committee and Secretariat,

In relation to your Inquiry into remedies for serious invasion of Privacy in New South Wales, may I draw to your attention an Inquiry conducted by the Victorian Law Reform Commission into Surveillance in Public Places. That Report was tabled in the Victorian Parliament in 2010. The terms of reference were broad, but relevant to your Inquiry I recall that the Commission conducted extensive research into a possible statutory cause of action for invasion of privacy (see Chapter 7 of the Final Report). In addition, the Commission considered methods to promote the responsible use of surveillance devices and reviewed approaches taken in other comparable jurisdictions in Australia and overseas. I encourage the Committee to consider the Commission's Report in its deliberations.

This link will take you to the recommendations, including those related to a possible statutory cause of action: <http://www.lawreform.vic.gov.au/projects/surveillance-public-places/surveillance-public-places-recommendations>

This link will take you to the Final Report:
<http://www.lawreform.vic.gov.au/projects/surveillance-public-places/surveillance-public-places-final-report>

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