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Dear ALRC,

<http://the-riotact.com/big-brother-is-watching-government-invades-resident-privacy/98860>

I'd like to bring to your attention the case of the ACT government TAMS department capturing, using and storing Bluetooth related signals from vehicle occupants at various stop points for the purpose of a traffic survey/analysis.

Please look into this potential breach of privacy and breach of the Communications Act, because I think when we start to allow this sort of data capture secretly without community consultation of opt-out, there is something wrong with our legislation.

The ACT government is well known for hiring the low-end public servants in canberra and I doubt they have a done a proper impact analysis on this project before rolling out. Their executive's response is obviously wrong on many technical grounds. This is eerily similar to the recent case of Google Streetview capturing wireless signals and being fined for a breach of Communications Act. I know, Bluetooth is radio waves, but they still collect identifiable information (Bluetooth ID, MAC, Device Name, which could be an individual name) which could be linked to other databases to build a user profile.

Thank you,
Michelle Gruen

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