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To: Standing Committee, Community Development & Justice
Subject: RE: Initial report and request for further comment - Inquiry into the protection of crowded places in WA from terrorist acts

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Subject: Re: Initial report and request for further comment - Inquiry into the protection of crowded places in WA from terrorist acts

Hello Franchesca,

Thank you for sending the report documents. Very impressive and comprehensive, hopefully NSW will consider something along the same lines.

My comments on the issues raised are as follows:

Comment 6

“.....(ways of) encouraging new crowded places to adopt security measures prior to their construction.....”

- Provision of comprehensive design guidelines to assist designers, planners, authorities
- Building and planning legislation updated to ensure all new venues have undertaken a terrorist risk assessment and adopted appropriate counter measures in design phase
- Introduction of “Designing for counter terrorism” certificate course similar to CPTED.

Comment 10

“ (are) numbers-based definition of a crowded place useful”

- No, number-based definitions are counter-productive for situations that are highly contextual. A relatively small confined space may be crowded and as such become a suitable terrorist target

Comment 20

“whether a minimum standard of protection is desirable”

- Prescriptive standards encourage uniform approaches while a process-based approach will address context issues and allow creative opportunities more likely to be keeping with the local environment

Comment 22

“ additional legislative requirements for risk assessment and risk management processes”

- Current legislation concerning events should reflect the possibility of a terrorist type attack. Up front risk assessment would ensure that response is commensurate, limiting cost outlay for low risk events

Happy to provide more informative if required

Regards

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