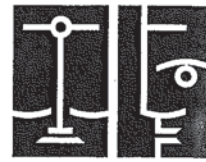


Victorian Law Reform Commission

Submission: Surveillance in Public Places



The Victorian Law Reform Commission is encouraging discussion about the many ways that surveillance is conducted in public places. We have released a Consultation Paper on Surveillance in Public Places and are seeking your feedback on how surveillance should be regulated in Victoria.

We have come up with a number of proposed options for reform of the law. These include a new regulator to monitor, report and educate about public place surveillance; development of guidelines (that may be voluntary or may attract fines if breached); licenses for some users of surveillance; and a way for people to complain to the courts about serious breaches of their privacy.

We are very interested in your thoughts. You can answer any or all of the questions, and your answers do not need to be long. Attach more paper if you need more space or want to tell us anything else.

Age 16 School Stawell Secondary College

Please tell us how we may use your submission (tick one):

- My submission (including my age and school) can be quoted or used in publications and uploaded onto the commission website.
- My submission can be looked at by researchers but I do not want it to be quoted in publications or uploaded onto the website.

Questions

1. Please list places where you know surveillance (e.g. CCTV) occurs in public places that you visit (e.g. city streets, malls, sporting facilities, railway stations, schools, shops etc)?

Work - McDonalds, Subway (BP)
Shops/supermarkets

2. Do CCTV cameras in public places make you feel safer? What are some other benefits of public place surveillance?

Yes because you feel people are less likely to commit
crime when they are aware of the surveillance
devices.
Also if crimes are committed it can act as
evidence.

3. How has the presence of surveillance changed the way you use public places (e.g. do you avoid places with CCTV cameras)? What are some other risks of public place surveillance?

It hasn't really affected me personally.

Some risks include invasion of privacy, misidentification & misuse of footage.

4. Surveillance devices include things we all have access to, like mobile phones, cameras and video recorders. What concerns, if any, do you have about how images, sound recordings and film could be used or shared?

Mainly just that people aren't always aware that they are being monitored & we don't know what happens with the footage.

5. Do you think there should be more law or regulations applying to public place surveillance? Which of our options for reform (listed above) do you think could work well, and why?

Yes I think that measures should be taken to prevent misuse of CCTV and also an avenue for people to take legal action eg. sue.

6. Is there anything else you want to tell us?

nope ☺