

Submission 47 – Neil Renfrey

<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say/remote-identification-discussion-paper-public-consultation>

The web page above on your own site succinctly outlines my major concern with possible implementations of Remote ID

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You see the need here for privacy, so personal information is not unnecessarily published yet this is exactly what would happen if Remote ID was implemented in a manner that allowed members of the public to access information via phone apps as is possible in the USA.

Authorities don't allow publicly accessible apps that show an owner's personal information about motor vehicles. It doesn't take too much imagination to predict what would happen if anyone who felt slighted on the road could access the information of the registered owner. It would be the same with RPAs. If an operator is flying within the law, by what right or necessity, does a member of the public have to identify the operator's information. Registration, location and so on.

I, and I am sure, most other operators of RPAs are wholeheartedly behind any initiative that would help identify unsafe and illegal operations in controlled airspace. I am not fundamentally opposed to Remote ID but stress that it needs to be a tool of those involved in enforcement of the laws and regulations involved with flying an RPA, not a tool for harassment by the public at large.

Allowing authorities to identify RPA's and their operator's location via Remote ID is not the problem, sharing the same information with any member of the public when no regulations or laws have been broken is.

Thanks