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Dear Sirs:

Many thanks. My general response is that this law is long overdue.

1. Scope. The law should also extend to the government and agencies. Unlike other jurisdictions that have a separate arrangement for the government, Singapore does not provide any "freedom of information act" by which citizens can hold the government accountable for government use of personal data. In the absence of such a law, it is not appropriate to exclude the government from the proposed data protection law.

2. Do Not Call. I support this (the current self-regulation is not working). Further, the law should be extended to email. The current anti-spam act is notable for non-compliance because it does not provide any government enforcement against violators. It is quite tedious to deal with all the incoming spam (most of which comes from within Singapore). So, the proposed law should cover email. For an estimate of the consumer benefit of such a law, please refer to:
http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1000533

Best wishes
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