

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Kendra MORONY
Sent: Tuesday, 8 October 2019 7:28 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Fwd: Talking Points - Removal of speakers from the Australian Cyber Conference program [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: Talking Points Australian Cyber Conference.docx

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For vis.

Kendra Morony
 Assistant Secretary
 Strategy, Governance and Industry
 Cyber Security Policy
 Department of Home Affairs

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From: "Kendra MORONY" <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)>
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 3:35:55 PM
To: "Marc ABLONG" <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)>
Cc: "Greg MILLER" <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)>
Subject: Fwd: Talking Points - Removal of speakers from the Australian Cyber Conference program [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi Marc,

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Kendra.

Kendra Morony

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 9 October 2019 8:57 AM
To: s. 47E(c)
Cc: ASD Assist
Subject: AISA speaker TPs

Good morning s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

We understand that there may have been some updates to the TPs on the speaker at the AISA conference. Would you happen to have these to hand for our awareness?

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Executive Officer to Gregory Miller
First Assistant Secretary
Cyber Security Policy Division
Department of Home Affairs

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Sent: Tuesday, 8 October 2019 6:27 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Media Operations
Subject: FOR INFO: Speeches cancelled at the Australian Cyber Conference - statement request from RN Breakfast [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

This one is a matter for ACSC. We have referred at least one journalist to them already.

Regards,

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 22(1)
 (a)(ii)

Director, National Security and Crisis Media and Public Affairs
 Media and Engagement Branch | Coordination and Public Affairs Division
 Department of Home Affairs
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From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Tuesday, 8 October 2019 5:44 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)> s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)>
 Media Operations <media@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: Speeches cancelled at the Australian Cyber Conference - statement request from RN Breakfast

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Could you please send me the Government's statement on the decision to cancel the speeches of Thomas Drake and Suelette Dreyfus at the Australian Cyber Conference in Melbourne?

Please find below my questions:

1. Why were Thomas Drake and Suelette Dreyfus disinvited from speaking at the conference?
2. Who took this decision and when was it taken?
3. Was the Australian Signals Directorate or the Australian Cyber Security Centre involved in this decision?
4. Thomas Drake and Suelette Dreyfus say they were told their talks were "incongruent" with CyberCon. How were they incongruent with the event?

Thomas Drake and Suelette Dreyfus are guests on the program tomorrow morning.

Many thanks,

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Business Reporter (Mon-Thur), RN Breakfast

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Attachments: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) 2019-10-31_10-03-20-944.pdf

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Subject: FW: Sec Corro 1694, 2092 and 2111 [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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FYI...

Kind Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Executive Support Officer to Hamish Hansford

Acting Deputy Secretary Policy Group

Department of Home Affairs

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From: ESU Executive Support Unit <s. 47E(d)>
Sent: Thursday, 31 October 2019 10:57 AM
To: Deputy Secretary Policy Executive Coordination <s. 47E(d)> s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Please find attached Sec 1694, 2092 and 2111, noted by the Secretary.

Regards

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Hi ESU,

For logging please.

Action in Hobart – noted by Secretary. No requirement to retain a copy for the Secretary's return.

Thanks,

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(a)(ii)
(a)(ii)

Executive Assistant to Michael Pezzullo

Secretary

Department of Home Affairs

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Good afternoon s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Yes, it was confusing. I have compiled all of the documents in order, into one pack, as they each relate to the same issue and are all referenced in the response.

I have a hard copy here for your return.

Regards

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Thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii) This is a little confusing – am I printing all the attachments? s

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Executive Assistant to Michael Pezzullo

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Good morning s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

These responses have been logged under Sec 1694, 2092 and 211. The hard copy is one pack.

Regards

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Subject: Sec Corro 1694, 2092 and 2111 [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Good afternoon ESU,

Please see attached A/g DSP cleared Sec Corro 1694, 2092 and 2111, for your action.

Kind Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Executive Support Officer to Hamish Hansford

Acting Deputy Secretary Policy Group

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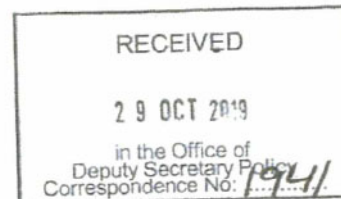
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Date: 29/10/2019

MP 31/10/2019

Secretary Correspondence No: 1694, 2092 and 2111

On 18 September 2019, you asked for a copy of the presentation by Mr Thomas Drake, a former National Security Agency employee who leaked classified data to the media, who was scheduled to present at the Australian Cyber Conference on 8-9 October 2019 in Melbourne (**Attachment A**).

On 14 October 2019 you requested facts on why Mr Drake and Dr Suelette Dreyfus were removed from the Conference's program (**Attachment B**).

On 15 October 2019, you requested facts on a media article referring to Mr Drake and Dr Dreyfus (**Attachment C**).

Response

Mr Drake was scheduled to speak on 'the golden age of surveillance', criticising the US National Security Agency's surveillance programs and its Implications for public privacy. The Australian Signals Directorate, who co-hosted the event with the Australian Information Security Association, reviewed the program, s. 7(2A)

Dr Dreyfus was scheduled to speak on secure and anonymous digital drop boxes as an anti-corruption tool in support of whistle-blowers. It was also brought to the attention of the Australian Signals Directorate that Dr Dreyfus intended to live stream an interview between Edward Snowden and Mr Drake during the Conference. The Australian Signals Directorate, similarly, did not view this as appropriate.

This led to the Australian Signal Directorate cancelling Mr Drake and Dr Dreyfus's presentation, with the decision being conveyed by the Australian Information Security Association.

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The abstract and slides for Mr Drake's presentation are at **Attachment D** and the abstract for Dr Dreyfus' presentation is at **Attachment E**. These have been published on a dedicated website "censorcon.net".

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Through Deputy Secretary:	Hamish Hansford, Acting Deputy Secretary Policy, 02 s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] or s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] <i>2011/12/19</i>
Consultation:	Nil
Copied to:	Nil
Attachment A	Original Tasking – SEC 1694
Attachment B	Original Tasking – SEC 2092
Attachment C	Original Tasking – SEC 2111
Attachment D	Mr Thomas Drake – Presentation Abstract and
Attachment E	Dr Suelette Dreyfus – Presentation Abstract

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From: Media Operations
Sent: Tuesday, 8 October 2019 5:11 PM
To: Media Operations
Subject: RE: ABC query: cybercon [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Your enquiry is a matter for the Australian Signals Directorate.

Regards

Media Operations

Department of Home Affairs

Media line: 02 6264 2244

E: media@homeaffairs.gov.au

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 October 2019 4:32 PM
To: Media Operations <media@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: ABC query: cybercon

Good afternoon,

Today it emerged that Dr Suelette Dreyfus and Thomas Drake were disinvited from speaking at the Australian Cyber Conference 2019, which is supported by the ACSC-ASD. I was wondering if Home Affairs can comment?

Specifically:

- Did the decision to drop Dr Suelette Dreyfus and Thomas Drake from the speaker program come from Home Affairs?
- If so, can you explain how either or both their talks were “incongruent” or provide any reason why they were no longer considered appropriate to deliver talks?
- As these two speakers are associated with whistleblowing – one as a American whistle-blower, one who planned to address whistleblowing issues at the conference – some have claimed this is the reason why they were dropped from the program. Would you like to comment?
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Many thanks,



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s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Media Operations

Cc:

Stefanie CORDINA; Kendra MORONY; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject:

RE: FOR ADVICE: ABC query: cybercon [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Great thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii) will do.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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<media@homeaffairs.gov.au>**Cc:** Stefanie CORDINA <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)> Kendra MORONY
<s. 22(1)(a)(ii)> s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)>**Subject:** FW: FOR ADVICE: ABC query: cybercon [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]**Importance:** High

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for sending this through. Yep, this is one for ASD, we understand that they have already received a few on this but it might be worth touching base with their media team first at s. 47E(d)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Executive Officer to Stefanie Cordina
 Acting First Assistant Secretary
 Cyber Security Policy Division
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<s. 22(1)(a)(ii)>

Subject: FOR ADVICE: ABC query: cybercon [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Importance: High

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

We have received the below media enquiry – we were going to respond to say it was a matter for ASD.

Would this be in line with Cyber Security Policy Division's thinking?

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Assistant Director | National Security and Crisis Media and Public Affairs
Media and Engagement Branch | Coordination and Public Affairs Division
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Subject: RE: Sec 2111 - MEDIA ARTICLE - Ex-NSA official silenced [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: ADD2019 5812370 2019.10.09 Secretary Correspondence - 1694, 2092 and 2111 Australian Cyber Conference.DOCX

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Attached ☺

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 <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)>
Subject: RE: Sec 2111 - MEDIA ARTICLE - Ex-NSA official silenced [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii) – can I get the reply document too thanks.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Attached as per request.

Thank you

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Do either of you have on hand?

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Found it! Can you send through the documents so I can send them to DSPO?

Kind regards

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)>
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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

This was provided to s. 22(1)(a)(ii) office while he was still here, let me know if you can't find it.

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)>

Sent: Monday, 28 October 2019 4:14 PM

Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <s. 22(1)(a)(ii)>

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Subject: RE: Sec 2111 - MEDIA ARTICLE - Ex-NSA official silenced [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi Team

Just a reminder that these three are due to DSPO tomorrow. Can we please have the response for FAS clearance as soon as possible.

Kind regards

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Sent: Tuesday, 15 October 2019 2:35 PM

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Kendra MORONY

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: FW: Sec 2111 - MEDIA ARTICLE - Ex-NSA official silenced [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

We have received the below Sec corro (2111) which should probably be handled in conjunction with the other ALISA Sec corro's, also attached.

Kind regards,

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Subject: FW: Sec 2111 - MEDIA ARTICLE - Ex-NSA official silenced [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

This is that same matter referred to in Sec 2092 which we were already going to combine with Sec 1694. We will look to combine the three.

Kind regards,

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Executive Officer to Gregory Miller
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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Could we please have a response to this tasking by **29 October** please.

Thank you

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Executive Officer to Marc Ablong PSM
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Good afternoon team,

Please find attached **Sec 2111 - MEDIA ARTICLE - Ex-NSA official silenced**. The Secretary has asked for Facts please.

Kind regards,

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Date: 17/10/2019

Secretary Correspondence No: 1694, 2029 and 2111

On 18 September 2019, you asked for a copy of the presentation by Mr Thomas Drake, a former National Security Agency employee who leaked classified data to the media, who was scheduled to present at the Australian Cyber Conference on 8-9 October 2019 in Melbourne. **Attachment A**

On 14 October 2019 you requested facts on why Mr Drake and Dr Suelette Dreyfus were removed from the Conference's program. **Attachment B**

On 15 October 2019 you requested facts on a media article referring to Mr Drake and Dr Dreyfus. **Attachment C**

Response

Mr Drake was scheduled to speak on 'the golden age of surveillance', criticising the US National Security Agency's surveillance programs and its implications for public privacy. The Australian Signals Directorate, who co-hosted the event with the Australian Information Security Association, reviewed the program, s. 7(2A)

Dr Dreyfus was scheduled to speak on secure and anonymous digital drop boxes as an anti-corruption tool in support of whistleblowers. It was also brought to the attention of the Australian Signals Directorate that Dr Dreyfus intended to live stream an interview between Edward Snowden and Mr Drake during the Conference. The Australian Signals Directorate, similarly, did not view this as appropriate.

This led to the Australian Signal Directorate cancelling Mr Drake and Dr Dreyfus's presentation, with the decision being conveyed by the Australian Information Security Association.

The abstract and slides for Mr Drake's presentation are at **Attachment D** and the abstract for Dr Dreyfus' presentation is at **Attachment E**. These have been published on a dedicated website "censorcon.net".

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Attachment A	Original Tasking – SEC 1694
Attachment B	Original Tasking – SEC 2029
Attachment C	Original Tasking – SEC 2111
Attachment D	Mr Thomas Drake – Presentation Abstract and Slides
Attachment E	Dr Suelette Dreyfus – Presentation Abstract

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Attachment D

Mr Thomas Drake

The Golden Age of Surveillance

What does it mean for our society to increasingly live in a virtual matrix where more and more of our lives are under the persistence gaze of the digital panopticon? What does it say when our post 9/11 world has turned surveillance into a global growth industry feeding the demands for data about us of all kinds, no matter where you live? Mr. Drake has already lived that future and will share his experience from the frontlines of freedom on just how deeply society has backdoored and buried itself in the insatiable appetite to know virtually everything about anybody at anytime driven by fear and safety. Are there any secrets worth keeping any more? Is the price of surveillance our own privacide where increasingly nothing and no one can hide? The fight for privacy rights is one of the central issues of our time. Will technology save us or enslave us?

Mr. Drake will provide a provocative peek at the present future of the national security state, encryption and the de-evolution of democracy and the rise of technocracy from both a personal and professional perspective. His talk directly impacts and implicates information security and the challenges faced by industry in the digital age against the backdrop of massive data collection, advanced persistent threats, covert exploits, insecure designs and the commoditization of personal-level privacy in our increasingly cybercided society.

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For Official Use Only**Attachment E****Dr Suelette Dreyfus****Widely expanding anonymous tipping technology: 9 NGOs, 11 countries and 250 secure anonymous digital dropboxes**

General population surveys of public attitudes to whistleblowing have shown strong public support for the view that whistleblowers should be protected not punished. The gold standard survey methods show results indicating this is true across a number of countries, including Australia, Britain and Iceland among others. But in an era of massive metadata collection, how can people be confident that their protection will be assured?

Anonymous digital dropboxes are on the rise largely as a security response to the growth in protected disclosure legislation around the globe. Whistleblowing is topical – and provokes debate. The forward march of new stand-alone, comprehensive whistleblower protection laws over the past 5-7 years has been accelerating. In January, a new protected disclosure law came into effect in Lithuania. In April this year, the European Parliament passed an EU Directive requiring all 28 member states to apply the meta-legislation into their national laws within the next two years. In Australia, new legislation protecting whistleblowers in the private sector came into force in July; this follows on a 2013 law covering Commonwealth government employees. Ukraine is currently considering a draft Bill introduced last month.

This talks outlines important elements of the legislation sweeping the globe and how it is intersecting with security technology adoption. It will examine a European project run by a coalition of not for profit civil society organisations. The project aims to set up some 250 anonymous digital dropboxes across the 11 countries in the EU membership with the highest rate of corruption, as measured by scores on the Transparency International Corruption Perception Index. The dropboxes are customised to one of ten languages. Other examples of use of anonymous digital dropboxes will also be presented. These range from use by anti-corruption agencies, to not for profit community-based organisations to media outlets. Challenges and responses facing organisations running such boxes in securing and managing information, enabling continuing technology-based conversations with anonymous disclosers, as well as user interfaces, will be explored. Ease of use versus actual anonymity as well as security are examples trade-offs that must be weighed up when an organisation chooses such a system of disclosure. In some cases, organisations may choose to create more than one secure path into the disclosure avenue, to address such trade-offs. Pre-sorting of incoming disclosure data, and time-based distribution of disclosures to different recipients are possible solutions to some of the challenges.

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Greg, Kendra

Are there any TPs on this (prepared by ACSC, I assume), just in case we are asked ?

Cheers

Marc

Marc Ablong PSM

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US whistleblower dropped from speaking at Melbourne cybersecurity conference

ABC Science

Updated 23 minutes ago

First posted 39 minutes ago

A high-profile American whistleblower and a privacy researcher have been unexpectedly dropped from addressing a Government-backed cybersecurity event underway in Melbourne.

Key points:

- Thomas Drake and Suelette Dreyfus were dropped from the Government-sponsored CyberCon program
- Both were told their talks were "incongruent" with the conference
- Shadow Assistant Minister for Cybersecurity Tim Watts called on the Government to explain

Thomas Drake and Dr Suelette Dreyfus of the University of Melbourne were both told their talks were "incongruent" with CyberCon, despite being invited to speak months earlier.

Mr Drake's presentation was to address national security and surveillance, while Dr Dreyfus planned to explore the use of safe digital drop boxes for anti-corruption whistleblowing.

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Mr Drake, who was a National Security Agency (NSA) official and [brought to light concerns](#) about internal waste and surveillance in the mid-2000s, said he received notice about the decision shortly before boarding a plane to Australia.

"Apparently, a partner of [Australian Information Security Association] did not want to have me, as a whistleblowing voice, on stage in front of the delegates," he said.

Twitter: [Thomas Drake tweet](#)

Dr Dreyfus said the conference organiser, the Australian Information Security Association (AISA), told her a conference partner made the decision.

The conference is supported by the Government's Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC), among other sponsors, which coordinates Australia's cybersecurity response.

It is also part of the Australian Signals Directorate security agency — this country's counterpart to the NSA.

AISA's deputy chair Alex Woerndle confirmed that Mr Drake and Dr Dreyfus were replaced in the conference program only recently.

He said detailed questions about the incident were best answered by the ACSC.

"AISA supports and encourages diversity of views however it's important to note we work with a number [of] partners, including Government, and as such need to manage a variety of views to deliver an event catered for all our stakeholders," he said.

The NSA whistleblower Thomas Drake was surprised to be dropped from the conference program.

ABC News: Thomas Drake

Close

The Shadow Assistant Minister for Cybersecurity Tim Watts called on the Government to explain "why it wants to silence speakers on whistleblowing".

"If the Government has legitimate concerns over these individuals, then they should be upfront and explain themselves," he said.

The ACSC did not respond to request for comment by deadline.

Former speaker: Cancellation is 'hypocritical and ironic'

Dr Dreyfus said she had no warning about the cancellation of her speaker slot, and was surprised by the development, especially in light of [the ongoing debate](#) in Australia over whistleblowers and press freedom.

"There's now a culture of fear about speaking up," she said.

"Nothing highlights this quite so much as disinviting speakers who have been confirmed."

Both Dr Dreyfus and Mr Drake said they were notified of the decision just over one week ago, but their attempts to discover more detail about reasons for the cancellation were rebuffed.

Mr Drake said this was the first time he had been stopped from speaking after being invited to a conference.

In his view, whistleblowers are "the canary in the coal mine" of democracy.

"I find it hypocritical and ironic that I would be silenced at this conference," he added.

Melbourne University academic Suelette Dreyfus was set to talk about whistleblowing technology at CyberCon.

ABC News: Suelette Dreyfus

Close

Dr Dreyfus said removal of Mr Drake's talk from the program was a missed opportunity.

"Silencing him when he's travelled 10,000 miles to not speak on a podium is Australia's loss and it's the cybersecurity [community's] loss," she said.

According to Dr Dreyfus, this incident is damaging to Australia's cyber security readiness, which requires diverse points of view.

"That is how you are strong. And if you silence experts, if you silence expert voices, your team is weaker," she said.

Both individuals are in Australia, and still able to attend the conference and speak with other delegates.

Professor Mark Cassidy, dean of Melbourne University School of Engineering, said they were "disappointed" to learn Dr Dreyfus was disinvited from presenting at the conference.

"Now is the time for important and robust discussions about maintaining data security and protecting Australians," he said.

"We welcome debate and will always support academic freedom."

Mr Drake was charged for his actions at the NSA under the United States Espionage Act, but [those charges were later dropped](#).

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