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Department of Home Affairs,

I strongly disagree with the Assistance and Access bill 2018. This bill should not proceed. On this bill's description page, in the very first sentence, you acknowledge that encryptions "are vital security measures that protect private, commercial and Government data and make the communications and devices of all people more secure." However, this bill seeks to undermine that very same security.

This country is not supposed to be a surveillance state. By proceeding with this bill, you would be taking away the privacy that each citizen has a right to expect in private communications, with the only explanation being that encryption may be used by criminals. The criminality of a select few members of the population should not invalidate the rights of lawful citizens. This bill does exactly that. It uses criminality as an excuse to undermine the privacy and security of the encryptions that are used lawfully by everyday citizens.

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