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Dear Minister

This Bill would authorise vast new powers to authorities with almost no understanding of the limitations, the implications, or oversight mechanisms. Encryption protocols are the backbone of the digital economy, facilitating every single transaction online. Any attempt to weaken these will be a risk that no other democracy is taking. Strong encryption is essential to the modern Australian economy, and it would be a mistake to deliberately weaken it.

I urge the government to consider how this Bill, in its current draft form, could damage the way that I, and many other Australians, use digital communications on a daily basis. I am also concerned about the impact on my rights - particularly the right to privacy.

Thank you

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