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This legislation is deeply flawed, and on principal I will actively vote against any party that pushes ahead with it and encourage others to do the same.

History shows us, time and time again, that there is no such thing as a special key that only lets the good guys in.

Keys leak, backdoors are discovered, procedures are subverted - we've been through this in the mid-90s and all the same arguments still hold.

This will only penalise the innocent and truly stupid criminals that could have been caught with old fashioned police work - the rest will move to home-grown encryption.

Any government trying to legislate insecurity and the means for mass surveillance is not acting in the best interests of the people that elected it.