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To whom it may concern

This bill unjustly shifts the responsibility of law enforcement to private companies. There are plenty of existing ways in which surveillance of known suspects is already available to the police. Being able to come to those of us in the tech sector and now make it our job to mop up for sloppy policing is an absolute cop out.

More over, the idea that we would have to enforce this on our users without any justification or even an alert to said customers mean that the tech sector in Australia will inevitably wither and die. No one in their right mind will deal with us lest they risk fines on one side, or loss of business on the other. Australia is not a big enough market to be scaring away consumers. This would irreparably damage Australia's Tech Sector.

Lastly attempting to silence the victims of this horrible reform with huge penalties just for mentioning you've even been approached is ridiculous. Not only is it anti-consumer, it creates a lack of trust between people and the technology they use. It is also disgusting to think that companies can be fined simply for telling people the honest truth. Fines for transparency is deeply concerning on all levels and I would strongly advocate that this is in fact the worst part of this bill.

thanks

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