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Dear Minister

Some thoughts and concerns over the draft legislation titled 'The Assistance and Access Bill 2018':

This Bill could create a backdoor into end-to-end encryption despite assurances to the contrary.

Referring to the example used on this page:

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/consultations/assistance-and-access-bill-2018> "Due to an inability to access his phone as well as the fact that he used encrypted communication methods such as Snapchat and Facebook Messenger, Victoria Police was unable to access evidence which would have enabled them to secure a successful prosecution and identify further victims and offences."

How does this bill intend to solve problems like this without requiring companies to build some form of back door which eg Victoria Police might have been able to exploit?

Moreover any back door (or assistance provided) is just as available for the bad guys to exploit as it is for the good guys to exploit.

I don't see how this bill allows us to achieve these goals without making everyone more vulnerable, but if I'm missing something I'd love to hear about it.

Thank you

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