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To: <u>Assistance Bill Consultation</u>

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To whom it may concern,

I have serious misgivings about this bill. Once again the spectre of countering terrorism and crime is used to encroach on the privacy rights of Australians. Engaging in such an attack on end to end encryption services will make the Australian people more vulnerable to hackers and foreign governments by weakening the programs and companies they trust to handle their data. Any deliberate vulnerability can be exploited by others and compromise the security of all. If users cannot trust the services they use to be safe from hackers there might as well be no encryption at all.

Thank you for your time,

Cameron.