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Dear Sir or Madam,

As a former employee of Eracon Technologies, and in that role given advice and support to various government departments including DSD, on IT security matters, I would like to offer some advice on the latest proposed law changes.

Basically you are expecting a layer to security to be removed from users. No matter how good the intention, this will only drive users, especially those with nefarious intent, to add their own additional layers of encryption prior to transmission.

The net result will be added cost, reduced speed and bandwidth.

Regards,  
Charlie Stott