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To: [Assistance Bill Consultation](#)
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Dear Minister

I write to express my concerns over the draft legislation titled 'The Assistance and Access Bill 2018', and outline these concerns below.

1. This Bill lacks transparency and will harm trust.

The Public must be allowed timely and full disclosure. This is part of the core checks and balances between the the Public, the Government, and the Judiciary. The privacy of individuals who are the subject of assistance orders must be protected but also the subjects of assistance orders must have reasonable timely notification. Notification to the subject within 30 days must be the default and normal action. Concealment beyond this time must require Judicial review. Additionally the Government must be required to report how many times extended concealment is requested, granted, and what duration's are granted.

2. This Bill is a huge overreach into privacy in a digital world

The proposed change to give law enforcement the power to compel a person to unlock a device via a person-based warrant is an overreach of that warrants scope. The information in a personal digital device far exceeds the amount of information a person would be expected to carry when the person-based warrant legislation was drafted. A premises-based warrant is more appropriate for this activity.

I urge the government to consider how this Bill, in its current draft form, could damage the way that I, and many other Australians, use digital communications on a daily basis. I am also concerned about the impact on my rights - particularly the right to privacy.

Thank you

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