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Cause for concern

The bill puts few limits or constraints on the assistance that telecommunication providers may be ordered to offer. There are also concerns about transparency. The bill would make it an offence to disclose information about government agency activities without authorisation. Anyone leaking information about data collection by the government – as Edward Snowden did in the US – could go to jail for five years.

There are limited oversight and accountability structures and processes in place. The Director-General of Security, the chief officer of an interception agency and the Attorney-General can issue notices without judicial oversight. This differs from how it works in the UK, where a specific judicial oversight regime was established, in addition to the introduction of an Investigatory Powers Commissioner.

Notices can be issued to enforce domestic laws and assist the enforcement of the criminal laws of foreign countries. They can also be issued in the broader interests of national security, or to protect the public revenue. These are vague and unclear limits on these exceptional powers.

Why are these issues not at the forefront on the Department of home affairs page?

I'm not scared of terrorists, I have never seen one nor have I ever been threatened by one. I have been threatened by unlawful members roaming the streets and assaulted by ice addicts.

I have been weary of groups of people who were driving around Parramatta randomly assaulting people who were on their own and a susceptible target.

Never however have I ever come across a terrorist.

I agree that Pedophiles should be jailed and their activities need to be stopped. However not at the expense of the rest of our basic human liberties and freedoms such as privacy. Liberties that and freedoms that this bill can easily be abused by this bill.

Australians should not be oppressed by the few in government who have proven by their lack of cohesion alone that they do not have the public's interest at heart.

The book by George Orwell "1984" should have been a warning not an instruction manual.