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- \* Secure and private communications are beneficial for society as whole, despite the potential for misuse
- \* Proposed access to communications will be abused, if not by law enforcement agencies themselves, then by criminals, third parties, or foreign governments (both technically and via social engineering attacks)
- \* Criminals will flock to secure communication methods even if they are "not allowed" as they have no qualms breaking the rules, making this legislation ineffective at its proposed goals
- \* the fines proposed for non-compliance by industry are extremely high, especially considering that "non-compliance" is vaguely defined and susceptible to the abuse and "bullying" of very small entities

Particularly alarming is that ASIO itself will be able to issue compulsory Technical Assistance Notices without any external oversight whatsoever.

Law enforcement and security agencies will always ask for broader powers, it is the job of the parliament as our representatives to set the boundaries. These powers are a clear overstep and their rejection is the only reasonable course of action.

Regards,

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