To whom it concerns,

I am writing to express my heavy concern with the proposed Assistance & Access Bill. My concerns are centred around that this is an invasive, disproportionate and technologically disrespectful proposal - that is the first of any kind in a developed nation.

Privacy is a fundamental human right and our digital devices are converging to become an extension of our thoughts and minds. In the old days, people could communicate their thoughts and human expression freely with assurances that no one is listening. With the mass surveillance powers made possible by technology, end to end encryption is the only way to protect this fundamental human right.

Separate to privacy concerns, the mandatory re-engineering of products to be less secure, to be backdoored will impact security and make it easier for hackers, criminals, and other nation states to cause havoc on our economy and national security, and reduce the competitiveness of Australian technological companies which I work for.

Respectfully, Danny Wu