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To: [Assistance Bill Consultation](#)
Subject: I say No to your Assistance and access Bill
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Dear Government,

I am a law abiding citizen who has nothing to hide, but I value privacy highly and disagree strongly with the Assistance and Access Bill. Unfortunately I note that Australian citizens do not have a Federal Bill of Human rights. That does not mean however that the Australian government can use the excuse of security and safety to search through my internet access nor my phone, tablet, laptop or any other equipment used to store or transmit data.

I do understand that the federal and state police should be allowed to gather evidence of illegal activities by people, but that does not mean it should be at the expense of my rights and freedoms. Though as I noted above Australians have limited rights and freedoms by law.

Police need to follow due process and go through the courts and get the authority to make searches only after granted permission from judges who are not rubber stamping police requests.

The example of "A high risk Registered Sex Offender" as given on your website (<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/consultations/assistance-and-access-bill-2018>) is emotive and misleading. Law enforcement must be able to find other means of surveilling and gathering evidence than by breaking encrypted communication. Most people are law abiding citizens. Most people who use encrypted communication and not breaking the law. By forcing companies to weaken this encryption you are allowing hackers and others to access our private and confidential information. The greater good in this example is the safety of the many innocents who use encrypted information for privacy. Don't weaken it just to assist police work.

Use alternative ways to stop "high risk Registered Sex Offender(s)".

Sincerely,

Darren Riches.