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I find it deeply concerning that the degree to which the scope of our data collection and anti-encryption legislation has extended so far beyond the realm of what any functioning citizen would be ok with.

Encryption is a critical part of information infrastructure and the notion that it should be hampered in such a way that would essentially make it illegal or defeat it's very purpose will have serious consequences for the growth of Australia in the fastest growing industries in human history.

The notion that a virtual key to unlock any digital lock will only be used by the good guys to fight the bad guys is childish and shortsighted. I do not support this and no well-informed Australian would.