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A few points

1. When the Australian Government introduced data retention, they started an arms race between government and its people.
2. Innocent people know they are being spied on, to protect themselves from the government they need to use encryption.
3. All bills should be technology neutral, an analogy to this bill would be requiring all citizens to carry around voice recorders, so the government can listen to them if they suspect they might say something it disagrees with.
4. When this bill is taken alongside the defence exports bill (i forget the proper name), you should expect the Australian tech sector to be annihilated, why would anyone do business here if they might not be permitted to export their work and they government spies on them.
5. It wont stop bad people communication anonymously, your just escalating the arms race.
6. Basic (swear word) human rights !!!

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Article 19.

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

Article 12.

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

Article 11.

(1) Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence.

PS: I dont have any confidence you have the right people or processes to adequately assess this implications of this bill.

In misery  
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