Dear Minister,

I have serious concerns over the draft legislation titled 'The Assistance and Access Bill 2018'.

Any attempt to force companies to allow bypassing of encryption, regardless of the intent and execution, is a risk to all Australian people that depend on this technology for safety and privacy.

It is not possible to guarantee that the measures allowed under this bill will be safely implemented - in fact, they are themselves vulnerabilities that allow new vectors of attack for anyone looking to compromise the security we depend on to protect our bank accounts, private communication, purchases, online businesses, etc.

The fact that this bill is being considered is in itself a travesty. The fact that it represents a regression for the security of Australians under the guise of increasing security shows an incredible lack of understanding of the issues involved.

Cheers

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