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Hi,

Thank you for providing an avenue to give feedback on this bill.

I believe this bill is severely misguided and will ensure Australia falls further behind other countries in the technology sector. How do you suppose we'll be able to produce tech startups that have any hope of a global customer base? No one from another country will trust the services of an Australian company. You can already see in online forums constant distrust of American companies, with many businesses preferring to get their services from certain European countries whenever possible due to the governments respecting their citizens' and corporations' privacy. Australia itself has recently prevented Chinese companies from selling us their networking infrastructure for this very reason! And now Australia wants to do the same thing as China and show other countries how untrustworthy we are?

This bill is also misguided in the sense that it presumes criminals won't use encryption to hide their criminal activity. They don't care about the law. That's why they're criminals. If ISPs, for example, are known to spy on Australians, they'll use their own encryption. This bill harms all Australians so that you can have an easier time hunting down a few people temporarily, until they realise they need their own encryption.

Encryption and other security measures, without backdoors, keeps me and my privacy safe every day of the year. That is the same for all Australians, whether they know it or not. Do you know what I don't have to deal with every day of the year? Paedophiles and terrorists. You seem to be doing a great job of keeping us safe with your current powers. Don't take away my privacy 365 days a year to prevent me from coming across a terrorist once in my lifetime (and that's if I'm very unlucky).

Kind regards,  
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