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Woh, Minister Dutton,

Good to see you kept your position after your challenge. Nothing wrong with that. Now please use it wisely, for the people, not the Man.

This draft Assistance and Access Bill 2018 - it's a big NO.

Encryption has developed for good reason. It protects Australians and their data.

Once you create laws that demand encryption can be broken or its methods revealed, to ANYONE, then you destroy its effectiveness pretty much entirely.

You lot seem to follow public opinion and polls rather too slavishly these days, but in this case, it's pretty clear what Australians think about their data being more widely available.

Remember the census debacle? Look at the current MyHealth backlash.

You want another? You want to break digital privacy completely? You want everything you do personally online to be available to others to see? It's a crazy idea, NOTHING justifies it. Open one door for someone, plenty of folks will get through it. Hackers are better at this than government. Better at this than law enforcement.

Stop it. Knock it back. Show you care about Australians and their privacy.

Thank you

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