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Dear Ministers,

My primary concern with this bill is that once the encryption backdoor methods are implemented, the government provides no guarantee that the measures taken by them will enhance security for my devices. You are incentivising hackers to specifically exploit weaknesses inherent in this poorly drafted bill, and not only the rights of consumers will be infringed, but the protections on them as well. I hope the government will be willing to pay for a class-action lawsuit if privileged information is compromised as a result of these backdoor measures.

Secondly, actual criminals who wish to not be observed through these channels, will simply move to an open source encryption service that will operate outside of your jurisdiction with no onus to comply with the Australian government's demands. You are making law-abiding citizens less secure who use mainstream social applications, and you will have very little to show for it. Hacktivists and tech-savvy criminals are always several steps ahead of a government mired by bureaucracy and to try and write measures into the law will never be sufficient.

Thirdly, I am unwilling to allow slippery-slope policies that lead us further closer towards a totalitarian state. One of the few things that separates us from oppressive regimes in the middle east is our democracy (which is continually eroded by leadership spills implanting government officials nobody voted for) and our human rights, which the vultures in canberra are happy to pick away at. We are very fortunate to be in a part of the world with relatively few terrorist attacks, and all of this has been accomplished without the use of security compromises. It's completely unnecessary, and I don't trust the politicians, who can be bought and sold by media and mining conglomerates not to abuse this new power.

I look forward to the upcoming election.

Best regards,

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