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To whom it may concern,

As a software engineer working at one of Australia's leading startups, I strongly oppose this proposed legislation.

The scope and reach of this bill is far beyond any that a liberal democracy government should be capable of, and will almost certainly be ineffective in it's stated goals.

This legislation, like any attempt to circumvent encryption, is like a using a sledgehammer to thread a needle. The criminals targeted by the legislation will find loopholes and continue to evade law enforcement. The only thing this bill will do is take one further step in eroding the rights of ordinary citizens, where it becomes the norm for any and every communication to be monitored by the government.

Further, it will drive out innovation, as well experts in technology who - I can say with certainty among many of my past colleagues - increasingly see the Australian Government's approach to technology as draconian and uninformed.

Kind Regards,  
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