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Dear Minister

Privacy is a human right, as developer in a company that is based on the idea of ensuring privacy is provided to its users this is a step very much in the wrong direction.

Proposing that legislation be made that actually ensures that open source software developers are responsible for inserting backdoors in their own software which ensures their users can be monitored fundamentally violates the trust we build with our users. we dont even host any user messages we just create software which communicates peer to peer and we would still be exposed to this.

Today we had a serious conversation in the office about the prospect of this bill being made law. we all agreed that if this was to occur we would have to move parts of our business outside of Australia, as any affect on our company wherein we were forced to insert a backdoor would completely remove all trust with our users and immediately destroy our company. Right now were a business that employs 10 Australian workers and we pay a large amount of Tax.

Before introducing this bill please think about the effect this will have on small businesses focused on the tech space in Australia.

Thankyou

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