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Dear Ministers,

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to 'The Assistance and Access Bill 2018'.

As an information technology industry professional it is pretty clear that this bill is a step in the wrong direction.

The government should not take steps to reduce the effectiveness of encryption. It is the cornerstone of information security and any attempts to weaken it will expose those same weaknesses to the people you are trying to protect us against.

These people WILL exploit these weaknesses. An attack on Australian IT infrastructure could be catastrophic.

The example of the registered sex offender also seems like the police did not need these powers to proceed with prosecution and the breach of parole would be enough to have this undesirable removed from the community.

Another concern of mine is the increasingly lack of oversight by the judiciary. Our democracy relies on the different branches of the government to keep itself in check. By removing judicial oversight, you are destroying this balance.

Law enforcement always wants a bigger stick. Its your job to decide how big of stick you give them and if they even need a stick to begin with.

I urge you not to proceed with this bill or any other bill similar to it.

Sincerely your citizen,  
Lachlan Ennis