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To whom it may concern,

I am a software developer, lucky enough to have grown up in Australia, to raise my family here, and to enjoy the society and culture of this country.

I have deep concerns over the proposed *Assistance and Access Bill 2018*. There is a balance to be struck between the powers granted to law enforcement and national security agencies, and the checks and balances which ensure we have a equitable, fair, and well-functioning justice system and government. This bill pushes the limits too far, into territory which undermines our freedoms, privacy and rule of law.

On a commercial level, this bill will undermine the global competitiveness of companies operating out of Australia. The majority of customers for most Australian communications, internet services and software companies are international, and the global market is essential for their survival and growth, which provides jobs and a livelihood to thousands and thousands of Australians. The provisions in this bill will tarnish our collective image.

Please reconsider the provisions of this bill.

Regards,  
Lucas Martin-King