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I am a software engineer of 20 years, and a software security expert. You don't need me to tell you how terrible this idea is, because you already know.

This is an astonishingly bad and offensive bill that undermines the privacy and security of every Australian, and anybody else whose data happens to be passing through Australia.

This is essentially a violent act against all world citizens. I for one do NOT consent to your deliberate violation of my fundamental yet barely theoretical right to privacy, which I don't enjoy thanks to feeble, and weakening, Australian law.

I'm sure you've already received advice from the likes of the AFP explaining how legitimate cyber crime will enjoy further pressure towards alternative services that you don't have organised back-door access to, or they'll simply employ a second-layer encryption of communications over the usual channels.

The only practical effect of this bill is to undermine the privacy and security of law-abiding citizens, and apply a force towards making legitimate cyber-crime fighting even harder to engage. This is literally counterproductive, and will further weaken legitimate law enforcement efforts.

This is an offensive and unacceptable bill, it is counterproductive, and just tremendously stupid. The public should revolt on nothing more than the notion that this is a serious consideration.

I desperately hope you mob of incompetent and dangerous simpletons are removed from office at the soonest convenience. You need to employ some advice who understand the internet in 2018, for the sake of all of us.

Thank you.

- Manu Evans - ashamed citizen of Australia.