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Hello,

My name is Matthew Betts, I'm 28 years old, I work in IT in the financial services industry and I love all things technology.

I'm writing to you to as I'm deeply concerned regarding the proposed surveillance laws. I understand that it's imperative that law enforcement have tools available to them to investigate crimes, but in my opinion these proposed laws go a step too far.

The government have specifically said that encryption won't be made weaker, however when the metadata laws were introduced the government also said that access to journalist data required a warrant. Just months later, a journalists data was accessed by the AFP without a warrant. It's clear that the government can't be trusted with such claims.

My main concern is not the Australian government accessing my data, however other governments and criminals able to access my data because the Australian government have mandated that its possible to do so. The Australian and American governments have recently had leaks regarding methods of penetrating devices. There's no legislation that can prevent such leaks. Suppose their was a leak leaving all Australian mobile phones open to hacking. Would you want the UAE Government accessing messaging data of a gay Australian man stopping over in Dubai on the way to Europe?
Would you want a victim of domestic violence to have their ex partner accessing their personal information stored on their phone?

I'm also concerned that individuals can spend up to 10 years in Jail for refusing to unlock their devices. Recently perpetrators of rape are getting sentences of as little as 2 years, how is that balanced?

If you can spare 10 minutes I would appreciate if you watched this YouTube video. It explains why encryption and device security is so important.

<https://youtu.be/CINVwWHlzTY>

I would love to receive a response from you and thanks for your time.

Kind Regards,
Matthew