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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Further to your invitation to submit public comment regarding The Assistance and Access Bill 2018:  
<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/consultations/assistance-and-access-bill-2018>

I submit the following:

I am totally opposed to this bill that will further erode the privacy of Australian Citizens.

The Government must first institute the following safeguards for citizens before any increase in these powers:

- 1) Establish a Federal Corruption Commission as is widely sought and recommended.
- 2) Legislate to give consumers data privacy rights as recommended by the High Court.  
(<http://eresources.hcourt.gov.au/showCase/2001/HCA/63> Australian Broadcasting Corporation v Lenah Game Meats Pty Ltd [2001] HCA 63)
- 3) Legislate to remove the privacy law political exemption.  
(<https://www.alrc.gov.au/publications/41.%20Political%20Exemption/introduction> Australian Privacy Law and Practice (ALRC Report 108) - 41. Political Exemption)
- 4) Protect Australia's data sovereignty by demanding the end to foreign government surveillance.  
(18<http://www.smh.com.au/world/masssurveillance-nsa-spying-to-continue-despite-objections-20180112-h0hagw.html> Mass-surveillance: NSA spying to continue despite objections)

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Kind Regards

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