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Dear Minister

I write to express my concerns over the draft legislation titled 'The Assistance and Access Bill 2018', and outline these concerns below.

As an IT professional with a career spanning more than a decade, I can assure you that this bill will not protect us from those who intend to hurt us - only idiots. The open source nature of modern encryption algorithms will make it impossible for you to find those who seriously want to hide their internet based communications.

What this bill will do is damage the internet as we know it. There is no such thing as a backdoor that only the "good guys" can use, and modern application development is so complex that security threats due to bugs are common. Employees of tech firms are routinely busted accessing data and systems outside the scope of their employment.

I urge the government to consider how this Bill, in its current draft form, could damage the way that I, and many other Australians, use digital communications on a daily basis. I am also concerned about the impact on my rights - particularly the right to privacy.

Thank you

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