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Hi there,

I write as an Australian citizen with significant concerns about the Assistance Bill as currently drafted.

It seems to me that the overall outcome of the law as drafted will be to reduce the security of end users of applications (by the introduction of uncertain methods whereby a user may believe a specific technology is being used, but in fact it isn't) - and ultimately reduce confidence on the part of the Australian people in the use of technology, and reduce their trust in it.

This would, I believe, have significant economic effect, and result in Australian businesses being placed at significant (possibly terminal) disadvantage when compared to tech companies in jurisdictions not faced with regulation of this kind.

In short, massive harmful unintended consequences seem certain to me should this approach be passed into law - please don't harm Australian businesses and consumers in this way!

best,

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