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To: [Assistance Bill Consultation](#)
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Dear Minister

I would like to write to you to have my opinion and my concerns heard over the 'The Assistance and Access Bill 2018', which is currently a draft legislation. I feel that this bill has huge impacts on my right to privacy, as encryption plays a huge part in everything we do online, from securing online shopping and other financial transactions to making sure only the people that you choose can have access to pictures of your children. By adding these loopholes and access points to get around these encryptions, not only will you be opening the door to your inquests, which don't have sufficient oversight or judicial measures to stop their misuse, you also make it easier for hackers and other nations to fraudulently and maliciously access the data of everyday Australians. This bill is a huge knee-jerk reaction, giving far more power to deal with what is an overhyped and seemingly misunderstood issue. I urge the government to reconsider this bill and to redraft it to a more appropriate level.

Thank you
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