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1. Any technical measures used to allow access to encrypted communications are equally capable of being used by other parties, rendering the entire system less secure.
2. Much productive use of the internet is based on trust. The proposed legislation would drastically reduce trust, consequently reducing the value delivered by the internet.
3. The proposed legislation is what other 5-Eyes states would do if they could get away with it. Australia having this capability would mean we get a constant stream of requests from other 5-Eyes states to do their dirty work for them. Australia should not be used as the spy's equivalent of a tax haven.

Altogether, very heavy handed and a really bad idea.

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