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Hello Australian Government,

I live in Melbourne Victoria and I wholeheartedly support law enforcement.

I also wholeheartedly support due consideration for how this may be exploited by future government members without the right intention.

We live in a very politically volatile time and in a country where discrimination, defamation, and misleading information is an ongoing issue.

If we give powers to prosecute and pursue, we should enact guidelines to save bystanders from experiencing collateral damage.

Since wherever you draw the line for using these powers, there will always be someone who accidentally gets hurt.

This is why we do not have the death penalty in this country.

We need transparency. We need consideration. We need to act cautiously.

Metadata was supposedly setup to stop terrorists or pedophiles, but I have not heard of it being used for anything but serving copyright infringements.

This makes me incredibly mistrustful of your policies and how you might be using safety as a guise.

I trust this is not motivated by money or power, but the safety of us all.

In the case that it isn't, I do not support this bill.

Thanks for your time,  
Sean