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Hi,

I'm very concerned about the Assistance and Access Bill 2018. I believe it is an attack on privacy and democracy, and not at all related to security. In particular:

1) Sophisticated criminals and terrorist have been using encrypted communications for years, and will continue to do so regardless of what the law says. The mathematics of encryption are well known, and there are open source and free software implementations readily available. This law will have no impact on them.

2) Inept criminals leave lots of evidence against themselves. Law enforcement doesn't require access to encrypted communication to catch and prosecute offenders.

3) Journalists, lawyers, whistle blowser, and protestors/advocates and marginalised people who need secure communications will be targeted under these laws. These laws will not improve our society in any way.

4) If these laws are successfully passed, oppressive regimes around the world will use them as a template and also a justification to get similar laws installed. They will then use these powers to perform human rights violations.

These laws will not make us any safer.

Regards,

Steven Webb.