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Dear Minister

I am highly disturbed by the ramifications this bill may have for Australian citizens privacy. Our personal devices and data must be protected.

The government has proven multiple times that it cannot be trusted with securing our own data and with additional access I personally do not feel safe with the government being able to access more of my private information.

This Bill grants government officials power to both compel organisations to reveal information about their systems and to make changes to those systems. Combined with the government's new ability to issue warrants to seize information directly from devices, this would empower Australian government agencies to develop and grow their hacking capacities without vital and necessary protections. Any government hacking must come with strong safeguards given the high risk of harm. While the orders issued under this authority must be reasonable and proportionate, there is nearly no limitation to ensure that the government would not use any vulnerabilities it uncovered around the world or share that information with its allies.

I urge the government to consider how this Bill, in its current draft form, could damage the way that I, and many other Australians, use digital communications on a daily basis. I am also concerned about the impact on my rights - particularly the right to privacy.

Thank you

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