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Hi there,

I just wanted to register my emphatic disagreement with the proposed amendments that would sacrifice our right to privacy, in favour of creating even more of a nanny state in Australia.

Giving law enforcement the right to compel people to unlock their phones is basically the same as forcing someone to speak under duress; and giving security agencies the ability to compel telecommunications providers to provide access to users devices or digital content is draconian at best.

If you'd like a template for how the Australian Government should be approaching privacy, then please look no further than the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation and future e-Privacy Directive. Perhaps start with a carbon-copy of this legislation, then tailor it to Australia.

Then perhaps legislators could spend more of their time working on national cohesion, rather than supporting the ever-expanding powers of the police, Border Force and ASIO.

Regards,

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