To whom this may concern,

I take serious issue with metadata retention.

For example imagine if some 'cyber terrorists' hacked in and managed to download the entire stash of australians metadata? then releasing it on the internet?

I feel like if you do not limit the amount of people with access there will be a problem when everyones metadata gets released to the public and people discover cheating spouses, people who lie about their locations, friends, acquaintainces.

now sure you are guarding it as much as you can but whats the point?

you now want to allow it for use in civil cases?

i hope you realise the flood gates are opening and this is PEOPLES DATA YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.

COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT IS ONLY A CIVIL MATTER. IF YOU WANT TO USE RETAINED METADATA TO FIGHT COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT THEN MAKE IT A CRIMINAL MATTER. SIMPLES.

ALSO you guys had the martin place siege guy under investigation and then stoppped investigating him. how is metadata retention gonna keep us safe when the scope is far beyond 'TERRORISTS' but also the terrorists you do know if you bloody go and stop spying on.

this is a serious submission by the way, i just cannot hide my anger that you are considering allowing metadata to be used for civil cases.

this is clear corruption if you allow a PRIVATE COMPANY TO DO THIS TO YOU.

SO AGAIN, MAKE COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT A CRIMINAL MATTER IF YOU WANT TO ACCESS METADATA TO ENFORCE IT.

DO NOT OPEN THE FLOOD GATES.

SCOPE CREEP IS A LOVELY THING HUH.

cheers