I agree with the **Australian Human Rights Commission**: 

The committee considered that as the data retention regime was established specifically for law enforcement and national security purposes, as a general principle it would be inappropriate for data retained under the scheme to be drawn on as a new source of evidence in civil proceedings.

The Australian Human Rights Commission makes this submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Security and Intelligence in its Inquiry into the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill 2014 (the Bill).

This submission addresses the potential impact of the Bill on human rights and in particular the rights to privacy and freedom of expression.

It is my belief that this is not a fair balance of protection for individuals against privacy intrusions for civil matters.

Gail Ryan