

Dear Attorney General,

1. As an Australian, I'm a stakeholder with an interest in the privacy of both myself and other Australians.

2. Attorney General George Brandis guaranteed on Q&A in November 2014 that "The mandatory metadata retention regime applies only to the most serious crime, to terrorism, to international and transnational organised crime, to pedophilia, where the use of metadata has been particularly useful as an investigative tool, only to crime, and only to the highest levels of crime. Breach of copyright is a civil wrong. Civil wrongs have nothing to do with this scheme."

3. As a result, I believe there are NO kinds of civil proceedings or circumstances in which the prohibition in section 280(1B) of the Telecommunications Act 1997 should not apply.