

Hi,

I'm a IT professional who has been working in the industry for the past 10 years. My primary practice is in IP networks and all associated components. I have a very thorough and detailed understanding of how IP networks operate and how to integrate with ISP's.

I have concerns around the amendments being made to the Data Retention Bill that are being put forward. They are;

1. I am already upset that the government insists on being able to have access to a complete dossier on my movements, how long I have been in one place, and areas I frequent. This is a massive blow to my privacy and civil liberty. I do not want civil case access to this information on me without me knowing.
2. I am concerned copyright holders will abuse our courts to play out trivial 'whack a mole' games in trying to deter people from piracy. This is a concern as the courts time will be held up as copyright holders lodge cases to run just long enough to gain the data they need, then drop the case. Wouldn't our courts time be spent better protecting Australian residents with valid cases being pursued?
3. What happens to the data once released by the civil case? Will there be a set of encryption requirements the recipient will need to abide by? How is this enforced? Is there a time by which the data must be destroyed?
4. I am concerned journalism will be chilled further. If civil cases can be used by corporations to access meta data to uncover whistle blowers in regards to cases that might make a company look bad, but for the betterment of Australia society and life quality, then I strongly oppose civil access to the data.

Cheers
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