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Data retention by Telcos for matters of National security and Counter terrorism are legitimate. The use of this information in civil proceedings and by private enterprises would border on a breach of privacy.

Data retention should be specifically for law enforcement and national security purposes, section 280 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* must remain and specifically address the fact that data retained solely for the purposes of the data retention scheme cannot be used for civil proceeding.

The watering down of this legislation could result in phone records and internet information being requested under individual states "right to information" legislation by vindictive staff, family members and companies. Whilst this is a worst case scenario, most Govt departments, especially the court system know the lengths some people will go to ruin careers and families.

I can list multiple examples that would benefit from a change to s.280 TA that could be detrimental to a person. They are too many to list but I'm happy to talk to someone about them.

Big brother practices have no place being used in civil matters, they are there to protect the country as a whole.

Regards

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