

To Whom it May Concern,

No, simply No. The government lied about why Data Retention was brought in in the first place as any serious terrorist or organised criminal will be as a minimum be using a VPN & more likely high level encryption on any data used rendering any effort to track terrorism or organised crime activities useless as the data will not be readable.

This law is simply about once again invading the privacy of Australian citizens & now you want to open it up to civil litigants to go on fishing expeditions to see if people might have committed a copy right infringement.

It's sold to the masses as protecting them, that's bullshit, Data Retention is a threat to all & serves no justifiable purpose. I'm sick of the mantra that is used to fool the voting public 'if you're not doing anything wrong you have nothing to fear', again a bullshit argument. On that basis, Police should be permitted to search houses & people under the auspices of 'if you've nothing to hide, you've nothing to fear' but, we don't allow that, they require a warrant, which in turn requires evidence of wrong doing in order to convince a judge to sign a warrant.

Likewise with data, if you believe someone's data should be retained or searched to support a prosecution, then get a warrant & stop these increasing invasions of our privacy.

So, NO, the access to Data Retention information should not be extended to civil litigants; in fact the law should be repealed in total.

Yours Sincerely

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