

Attorney-General's Department

I wish to have voice my thoughts into any changes to the current data retention laws which may allow retained material to be used in civil court matters.

The material stored in mandatory data retention regime was to be used solely for the protection of Australians from terrorist and extreme criminals. Not for the use of one Australian against another. Any allowance of use of a persons personal metadata in civil proceedings shows that the mandatory metadata retention laws have no effect on terrorists and criminals.

After studying material that has been made available after terrorist attacks it is becoming obvious that these individuals and organizations are using methods of communicating other than open electronic channels. Wholesale collecting of personal metadata serves no purpose unless it can be used against the populous if not immediately then in time to come.

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