

Retained data in civil proceedings consultation
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Submission to the Review of Access to telecommunications data in civil proceedings

I wish to make this submission to the *Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security* (the "Committee"). I do not work in any law enforcement agency, any government department, in the telecommunications industry, nor do I work in any business affected by this legislation. I make this submission solely as a concerned citizen.

As is my understanding, it is proposed that the legislation be amended to permit access to an individual's "metadada" for the use in civil proceedings. This may potentially include, for example, a divorce proceeding, or possible civil action taken by a film distributor against a consumer whom has downloaded their products online.

I wish to submit that this should not be permitted by this legislation. I wish to state that no civil party should be lawfully permitted to access telecommunications metadata. Access to metadata should be restricted to intelligence and law enforcement organisations. Allowing civil parties to access telecommunications metadata is a severe breach of civil liberties and an individual's right to privacy.