

Hi,

I've never written a submission before, nor was I aware that I was able to. So please excuse me if it's formatted incorrectly, or if I'm completely off the marker here. I'm writing to give my opinion on the 'Access to telecommunications data in civil proceedings' topic that has recently been brought forward.

I'm firmly against this idea, and believe that morally it is wrong for the government to allow this to pass through - but likely they will anyway. I and many of my peers were stunned and disgusted when the government passed the 'Meta Data' bill last year, to think that suddenly the government had un-warranted access to our online, phone and email records. It was said in the bill, that the data was only for government use and not for corporate use, but suddenly here we are. An amendment to a clause that at least eased our concern (Although only slightly). I do not see or understand why companies and corporations need access to our data, I can see why they want it though (Why does Taxi Drivers Victoria want our data exactly?). If this is allowed, I'd be very disappointed in our government for not having the Australian Citizens best interest at heart - and for putting corporations before the people who elected them.

Respectfully,

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