

Submission to the Attorney-General's Department regarding the proposed changes to the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill 2014.

To whom it may concern,

This submission is being written in regards to the third issue highlighted in the consultation paper supplied. As a private citizen with limited experience in the civil courts, issue #3 is the one I feel most qualified to address.

The answer to the supplied question "Are there particular kinds of civil proceedings or circumstances in which the prohibition in section 280(1B) of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* should not apply?" is a simple one: No.

The 'Interception and Access' Bill *as it currently exists* represents a grievous act of government overreach and an ongoing violation of one of the basic human rights of Australia's citizens. Since extending the scope of this bill any further would only serve to worsen an already very ugly situation, the logical response to the supplied question is that there are no civil proceedings in which the prohibition should apply as there are no proceedings where the Bill itself should exist at all.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.