

To whom it may concern,

I wish to email to express my extreme concern and disapproval of this proposition. Data retention laws were initially implemented to deal with threats to NATIONAL SECURITY. Due to being a person who is concerned about my security and privacy from corporations in general, I was not overly eager for these retention laws to be introduced in the first place. However I saw the benefit for how these laws would help the country.

Approving this data retention to be accessible in civil proceedings is ridiculous and exactly the type of thing I was initially concerned about. Extending access to corporations to Australians personal data records does not help national security, it does not help better Australians lives. This is a slippery slope that will allow corporations to access Australian data and devise ways to better exploit our economy.

Much the same as google tracks search history and uses that data to target ads to you, to encourage you to spend more money, corporations are just a few small steps away from being able to access ALL of Australians data for the last two years and able to develop profiles of the average Australian, for ALL of their history, not just their google searches.

As an Australian citizen, I endeavour you not to allow this change to pass. We must not allow public entities and corporations to access our telecommunications data in civil proceedings. Once again, this doesn't benefit Australian citizens in the slightest. This only weakens us to external influence.

Thankyou for reading my email and listening to my concerns,  
Best Regards,  
Joshua McManus