

Dear Sir/Madam,

When data retention was mandated by the government it was made very clear that the captured data would not be used for copyright enforcement.

I consider it underhand that this statement has been deliberately removed from the AG web site (although thankfully the Internet Archive has a visible copy) in preparation for a major expansion of the use of this private data.

The original intent was to restrict use to what the population generally accepted as the more serious crimes, including terrorism, child protection and major drug trafficking. To find "scope creep" involving expansion into the area of civil law, particularly when this was explicitly excluded is reprehensible.

This expansion was predicted by a number of people, and this is the reason for many of the objections to collection of this data. I find it deeply concerning that this level of dishonesty is prevalent in government in this country.

Regards,
Paul Wilson