

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to you regarding the review into access to telecommunications data in civil proceedings.

I strongly believe that the mandatory data retention was never justified and that the fear of terrorism was used as a poor excuse. The retention of this data is in my opinion not necessary, however now that the data is being collected and retained, it is important to restrict it's use, rather than expand it.

I strongly oppose access to this data for any civil proceedings. I also believe that access to this data for criminal proceedings should be restricted to only cases involving terrorism or cases where large sections of the Australian population are at risk of becoming victims of crime. I believe that access to this information should not be trivial and used as a routine source of evidence in any investigation. Each and every access to this information should be subject to a request that clearly demonstrates how access to this information is a key component in fighting terrorism or similar acts and what specific purpose this information will serve.

Access to this information should never be granted for civil proceedings.

Best regards,

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