

To whom it may concern

I believe that data retained as part of the mandatory data retention scheme should never be allowed to be used in any civil matter.

The data retention scheme was originally introduced to combat terrorism, it is there to address a specific need of law enforcement and national security. It is arguable if it was even needed for this purpose. However I will not stand for its use in civil matters, no reasonable person would ever agree to allowing their private metadata be trawled through for these purposes.

I implore you to not allow the scope of this scheme creep away from its original purpose lest it turns into a big brother like system reminiscent of '1984'.

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