

Hello,

I wish to make a submission on the topic of retained metadata being used in civil proceedings.

In 2014, when the metadata laws were being proposed, the Attorney General stated "The mandatory metadata retention regime applies only to the most serious crime. To terrorism, to international and transnational crime, to paedophilia where it has been particularly useful as an investigative tool. Only to crime and only to the highest levels of crime. Breaches of copyright is a civil wrong. Civil wrongs have got nothing to do with this scheme."

It is clear now that the intention from the get-go was to target copyright infringement. Civil matters have no bearing on national security; this data should not be made available to protect the business concerns of private entities. Australia is a better country than to spy on its citizens to aid american business.

This proposal should not go ahead, the Australian people cannot be misled and spied upon in such a gross way.

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