

I refer to the call for submissions to inform the Access to Retained Data in Civil Proceedings Consultation.

<https://www.ag.gov.au/Consultations/Documents/Access-to-telecommunications-data/Consultation-paper-access-to-retained-data-in-civil-proceedings.pdf>

I strongly object against the use of retained data for the purpose of civil proceedings on the basis that the relevant changes to the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Act 2015 were made for the purposes of national security issues and not for the purpose of civil or commercial litigation.

I object to the implied determination within the call for consultation paper that Stakeholders do not include the individuals whose data is the subject of the paper.

I object to the timing and length of consultation period for this amendment.

I object to the terms of the scope for submissions as those three points take no account of the adverse affects of this amendment on the current protections to individuals, the points being worded only to take account of adverse affects on the purpose of the amendment should it not be passed into law.

Considering the significant potential impact on individual citizens of this nation, I object to the lack of a public awareness campaign regarding this amendment.

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