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Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

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To Whom it may concern,

I wish to highlight my alarm and extreme objection to 2 aspects of the new laws:

1. Telcos to retain ALL customer data for 2 years.

This is crazy. ALL customers, and ALL their data? The people who thought this up are sick. You guys aren't even competent enough to figure out what to do with the data you've already got! Let alone with the combined data of 10 million Australians. But you know who IS competent enough? Russian, Chinese, Indian criminal hackers. Yes - you've just stored a GOLD MINE of intimate, personal data for ALL the world's criminals to feast on. You're sending a bright-as-day beacon to the rest of the world to have an absolute field day with identity theft, infinite potential for fraud, and an explosion in crime perpetrated by foreign high-tech criminals that will look like it's been done by honest, Australian citizens.

The level of stupidity and ignorance of the digital world it takes to suggest this moronic proposal beggars belief. Whoever suggested this should not be involved in anything related to computers. They should destroy ALL of their digital devices and remove themselves to a goat hut in the Gobi desert. They are just too stupid.

2. ASIO to be given the right to hack, break into, and install SPYWARE on **anyone's** computer. WHAT THE HELL!? ARE YOU SERIOUS!? DO YOU KNOW HOW THIS WILL BE ABUSED!? So... you're going to give ASIO the power to LEGALLY break into and install spyware on **anyone's** computer, AND YOU'RE GOING TO SET THIS SPYWARE LOOSE ON THE INTERNET!?? It will be reverse engineered by the Chinese in a heartbeat!! Your ASIO spyware is going to be re-purposed in a split second by any half-witted hacker and spread like wildfire.

Not to mention, what has happened to proper detective work? Are you guys so stupid that you can't monitor criminals properly without installing spyware willy-nilly? When ordinary citizens can use the tools they have at their disposal to track down, locate, and catch laptop thieves etc etc, what sort of incompetents have you hired that cannot use the **current laws** to catch people?

If these measures go through, I seriously hope someone starts a decent political alternative to Labor/Liberal, and the whole lot of you get voted out. The sort of privacy invasion you're desperate to legislate is pretty evil.

We don't need protection from terrorists, we need protection from laws like this.

Regards,
Joe Stewart.

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Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.