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**Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation**

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To whom it may concern

'How would you feel if your internet service provider (ISP) and phone company was forced to keep a record of every article you read online, every email you sent or received, all location data collected by your phone, every call you made, everything you bought online? How would you feel if it was made an offence to refuse to hand over your computer passwords?'

These appear to be some of the consequences of the legislation being considered.

I am a middle-aged, middle class, professional woman with no dark secrets to hide and nothing to fear from anyone knowing anything whatsoever about my online activities, but I can hardly believe that this is even being considered in Australia. When I first heard it I thought 'Surely this is a joke.'

This is Big Brother being taken to extremes. It is appalling for a free country.

My sincere hope is that maybe it was just a silly joke! Please tell me it was!

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