

SUBMISSION NO. 17
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I would like to strongly express my dissatisfaction with our Government currently meeting in secret with draconian content owners, in order to pass legislation that would essentially censor free speech on the internet. I am a proud Australian, and have no interest in living in a country where information is filtered like China.

The media/content industries need to emerge from the dark ages and provide consumers with a better platform for supplying content. Lobbying Governments around the world for poorly written legislation, is not the answer to digital piracy. This has been demonstrated with the massive public outrage at the SOPA and PIPA bills in the US, and the current worldwide demonstrations in opposition to ACTA.

I will be expressing my dissatisfaction with my local member of parliament, and rolling out a social media campaign designed to bring this issue to light, and make it an election issue.

Reject ACTA. Legislation is not the answer to online piracy, better pricing and delivery platforms are.

Kind regards,

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