



Submission No 11

Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As an Australian citizen I would like to formally state my opposition to the reforms outlined in the current inquiry into reforming the National Security Legislation.

A main component of the reform is implementing mandatory two-year data retention of all data accessed through Australian Internet Service Providers. No matter what Internet data retention policies the Government implements, due to the Internet having a global reach and Australian Legislation just reaching... well Australia, the Legislation can always be bypassed by anybody with a hint of intelligence. If children in high-school know how to use a proxy to bypass their school-surveilled Internet, imagine the knowledge possessed by somebody who has *gasp* finished high-school. There are acronyms out there beginning with practically every letter of the alphabet that are effective ways in bypassing any State-based surveillance attempts. Case in point, despite being sent connected to an Australian ISP, this email has been routed through Germany using a VPN service and as such would effectively bypass any data retention schemes.

Why is this relevant? Well because it means the ones who ultimately lose out will be the innocent Australians when this retained data inevitably leads itself to abuse.

At the very least due to the severity of the proposed actions, I feel that complying with the Pirate Party Australia's request for an extension of the public submission deadline to September 30 would be warranted.

Thank you for your time,

Sam Clark