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Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my outrage at potential reforms of National Security Legislation that are currently being contemplated.

This diminution of individual privacy is a step too far. I personally object to having my internet activity monitored and stored for 2 years. I am an honest, law-abiding citizen and as such I should not be treated like a criminal. The storage of personal data by ISPs and government agencies opens up risks of sensitive data being leaked, accidentally or intentionally, or stolen by nefarious 3rd parties (i.e. *real* criminals). Apart from that, the proposal that *anyone at all* besides myself and the trusted recipient of the data I am transmitting can view said data is a draconian overstep by the government and its security agencies.

I am also disturbed about the proposal that ASIO (or other security organisations) can effectively entrap people by using social engineering and honeypot attacks; by encouraging people to break the law. It should not be the role of security organisations to make criminals of otherwise innocent people.

And it shouldn't need to be said, but, the ability to force people to reveal their passwords by threatening them with jail is completely outrageous. That seems less like investigation and more like a fishing expedition. Again, it opens up the possibility of intended or unintended misuse which could result in a range of activities from data theft to identity theft.

I hope you consider my feedback.

Craig Rogers.