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The Secretary
House of Representatives Standing Committee
on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600.

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Good morning from an elector in Queensland:

I believe there is a bill before the Federal Parliament dealing with my citizen's rights to personal privacy.

Consider that this email is an official submission to the

**** House of Reps Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee ****

1. I have noticed a major increase in the number of UN solicited mail items addressed to me personally.

This is a gross waste of trees, of time, of postage, of transport fuel, and is an invasion of my privacy.

I have heard that many organisations such as banks and local councils are selling personal information to marketing companies. My experience with unsolicited mail items in the last 6 months would bear out this contention.

2. 'Data mining' is an offensive and invasive practice used only for commercial gain by a third party and is of no benefit to me.

I urge the Committee to write tough enforceable legislation so that it will be illegal for information given for one purpose such as a survey or application form to be used for another purpose without my informed written consent.

3. If a company wants to compile a database containing my private details, it must seek my written informed consent.

This is called 'opting in'. Currently, I can only 'opt out' which means I would have to contact hundreds of organisations to try and get off their databases.

I urge the Committee to write tough enforceable legislation so that no unsolicited contact can be made to me for the purpose of commercial gain by the sender.

An acknowledgement of my submission by email will suffice.

Thank you for your time.

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