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The Parliament Joint Committee for Intelligence and Security.

Hon Anthony Byrne MP

Dear Sir

as an Australian citizen I believe that our national security is of course of paramount importance!
I do also believe that our national security should not come to the detriment of our personal freedom of information and freedom of accessing internet without restriction of content.

There are of course criminals out there that want to harm our way of living, harm Australia, but most of us people want to live a free peaceful life. Scrutinising and keeping private e-mails up to 2 years under the pretext of National Security is not only excessive but smacks of autocracy. Our access to information and free exchange of ideas must be respected, after all not everyone disagreeing with Government will turn into a terrorist.

All this surveillance byway of telephone tapping, CCTV everywhere, smart phones etc. is not the Australian Way of Life is more like Communist China or Russia.

Too much surveillance, scrutiny, restrictions on people daily lives will only breed discontent and resentment.

So yes we do need to support National Security and Law Enforcement where necessary but it is vitally important that the proposed reforms do not become of an oppressive manner much like in fascist countries so as to stifle life out of Australian People.

Balance is the key word in a Democratic Country.

Without malice

Yours Sincerely

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