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Dear Sir/Madam,

As an Australian and an internet user, I have serious concerns about Government's mandatory Internet filtering initiative.

From 1 July Finland has become the first country in the world to make broadband a legal right for every citizen. That's a progress.

And now the regress: Australia is about to join China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam in their "enemies of the Internet" club.
Is it estimable club for our country?

We value our freedom of communication. Given the amount of Internet content available, the Government will never be able to classify even a small percentage of it. I feel that the time and money could be spent in better ways both to protect children and improve Australia's digital infrastructure.

The opinion of the ordinary Australian IS NOT represented in Canberra.
As a citizen I want an open discussion of Government plans for censorship.
I want to know what is planned, is it effective, ISPs opinions, how much it costs, what content they want to filter.

Sincerely,

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