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Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

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Dear Secretary,

As a resident of Australia, I wish to strongly object to the proposals currently being highlighted in the media to store the online data of all Australians for up to two years.

In my view, government has no business storing the private, confidential data of its citizens and organisations, and especially not for such an extraordinary length of time. This is analogous to Australia Post making photocopies of every item of mail sent and retaining that data.

The internet is not a *free for all* for governments to exercise unlimited power where citizens should have to begin fighting for democratic rights all over again from scratch.

I strongly object in principle to the government retaining the online data of Australians for two years, "just in case" a crime should be committed.

This is unprofessional, lazy policing and the breach of individual privacy implied in this proposal is almost beyond understanding.

This proposal is beyond the pale - it beats anything that North Korea, Nazi Germany or Stalinist Russia has ever come up with.

Yours faithfully,

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