



Submission No 207

Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

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Hello,

I would like to submit that the proposal to monitor all all Australian's internet usage is an unwarranted intrusion on our privacy. There is no good evidence that this is the case.

A large assumption behind these measures is that security organizations can be trusted. We only occasionally get glimpses of their operation through events like the Haneef affair, and the deportation of Scott Parkin. Those glimpses do not inspire confidence.

Contrary to hype, terrorism has not been a major issue in Australia. 200,000 odd people die in Australia each year, 100s die violently. But 0 have died from terrorism since the 1978 Hilton bombing. (And that was almost certainly perpetrated by the security forces. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sydney_Hilton_bombing)

Those who would sacrifice liberty for security deserve neither and will lose both.

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Dr Anthony Berglas,
Just because it is possible to push twigs along the ground with ones nose does not necessarily mean that that is the best way to collect firewood.