



Submission No 60

Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

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To the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security
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Concerning proposed changes to the law affecting intelligence, security and, in particular, internet use monitoring by government, I wish to make the following submission:

- (1) The Australian Security Intelligence Act 1979 should not be amended to create an authorised intelligence operations scheme.
- (2) The Australian Government should not be allowed access to private email accounts passwords without court authority.
- (3) The Australian Government should not be given the right to access personal internet data without court authority.
- (4) Australia's internet providers should not be required to log and retain customers' web browsing data so that law enforcement officials can access it during criminal cases.

My reasons are as follows:

These and associated proposals endanger the personal freedom of Australian citizens and would make it easier for the Government to exercise a degree of control over them approaching tyranny.

The proposals violate the principle: 'An Englishman's home is his castle.'

There is no evidence that the danger of terrorism is such as to justify such extreme measures. In this regard, the proposed cure is worse than the disease.