



Submission No 9

Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

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Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

I understand that there is a window of five seconds to make a submission. I can't meet that timeframe so this is a general submission and doesn't refer directly to the proposal.

We do not need a totalitarian government in this country. We don't want gestapo or the stasi breathing down the necks of ordinary, law-abiding citizens. Do NOT come back with "if you've got nothing to hide, you've got nothing to fear". I'm sure the german jews felt that they had nothing to hide when they started getting slapped with stickers and carted off to "holiday homes" and their friends were in trouble just for being their friends.

If law enforcement needs information, it can make use of the current legislation to get it, when it has an adequate basis and in relation to a specific person or group of interest. Spying on the population is unacceptable.

I shouldn't have to disclaim the status of a thief, pirate or terrorist.

I've never done anything to raise such a suspicion and having my private business monitored under the guise of "security" is offensive, even if the extent of that private business is learning how to wash my dog or fix my house. Keep your noses out of my business.

If you seriously want the ISPs to retain all of this data, YOU will pay for it, and not from MY taxes, open your pockets and the pockets of whatever members of parliament want this and take their money to fund it. I will not pay more to my ISP to accommodate spying on me and retaining the browsing habits of millions of people looking up recipes and how to work their dvd players. It is ridiculous.

Further, rushing this through without giving interested parties sufficient time to make representations is disgusting.

Security? Who will make us secure from an intrusive government who overrides the rights of citizens and sneakily imposes intrusive legislation on people without giving them a chance to have their say?

I don't feel safe, but it isn't the terrorists I'm afraid of.

Yours faithfully

S Ford