



Submission No 76

Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

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RE: Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

We are very concerned about the above enquiry on the following grounds:

1. The time given for comment from the public is manifestly inadequate.
2. We are not convinced that current legislation is out of date or in need of any additional remedies.
3. We are concerned at the obvious incursions into privacy and rights, and especially the right to demand computer passwords from citizens and the obligation on ISP's and phone companies to store private information for 2 years, or at all.
4. We are concerned at the government's perceived absence of safeguards to protect the community against illegal acts and believe that there are already too many incursions into human rights and privacy even without the foreshadowed legislation.
5. We believe that the increased surveillance foreshadowed in this enquiry's references is unnecessary and indeed counterproductive to a healthy, functioning society.

Finally we draw your attention to the fact that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights regards on-line privacy as paramount as it does off-line privacy and the proposals of the government do not adhere to this principle.

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