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To: Committee, PJCIS (REPS)
Subject: Comment on Assistance and Access Bill

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Paweł Glaz and I am a Polish citizen living in Warsaw. You might wonder why a Polish citizen might be going out of their way to comment on an act passed in a different country, so far away.

The reason is that in today's world, everything is interconnected and so any change you might make, can affect people in other countries. I'm a happy customer of Fastmail (<https://fastmail.com>) e-mail hosting service but following the AABill, I'm considering switching to an EU-based provider. I'm not happy about this migration and I'm not looking forward to it but the AABill is forcing me to.

You already have lawful ways of asking companies to hand over data of an individual that you suspect of illegal behaviour. Why do you insist on pushing further and further, getting dangerously close to breaking the fundamentals of the Internet? If I am a lawful citizen, I have the right to my freedom. If I break the law, I lose that right and go to jail. If I am a lawful citizen, I have the right to my privacy. The AABill might force companies to introduce backdoors to their encryption services, potentially leaking all customer data without their knowledge. This means that even lawful citizens lose their right to privacy.

Introducing backdoors to encryption services is not the right way. If you create a safe vault with only one key to open it, that vault remains safe as you can focus all of your efforts on making sure that this key is safe. If it's misplaced or copied, you can immediately change the key. To introduce a secret door into the vault that requires no key, you need to put special effort in. This means that if the secret door is exposed, it's no trivial task to secure the door and build another one - especially if you're allowed to ask just one employee to secretly implement such backdoor!

Please, hear the voices coming from all around the world that AABill is flawed. If you do not revert the changes, I and many privacy-conscious lawful citizens of the world, will stay away from Australian-based services, knowing that they have no respect for privacy at all.

Thank you for your attention,
Paweł Głaz