

Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications on a prohibition on charging a fee for an unlisted phone number.

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From: voter registered in marginal seat

Charging for privacy is wrong. It's a cruel waste of resources to have set up such infrastructure to debate what is common sense and consistent with current privacy legislation.

If I want my number published to an audience I have no control over, it should be an opt-in arrangement.

As someone who has had their privacy breached by a bank, with severe consequences such as having to move from my home to protect my safety from the person they gave my address to (a 'process' error), I know too well how information in the wrong hands can be harmful.

Aside from my personal experience, it's just wrong ethically, morally, socially and financially to have a condition on my phone service that says 'you get a phone, we'll publish your number'. Sounds like unfair contract to me as well. Asking for a fee to NOT be published is just wrong and it punishes people financially.

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