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To whom it may concern,

It is important for Australians to have the right to privacy, but it is ironic that the government has introduced its Assistance and Access Bill that will a) undermine encryption that allows backdoors into people's encrypted messages, and b) compel people to reveal passwords on their devices so that authorities can access what is on those devices.

However, I feel that the government does not understand technology. You cannot, in any shape or form, weaken encryption without weakening the system for everyone else. Furthermore, you cannot produce tools that will give someone access to all the information on a device without providing other people the access points.

Kind regards,  
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