

Supplementary Submission to the PJCIS Inquiry into the Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Assistance and Access) Bill 2018

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Recommendation: Repeal the Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Assistance and Access) Act 2018, in its entirety, immediately.

To date, all attempts to communicate with the government on this issue in good faith have been ignored in what appears to be a calculated and cynical effort to reach a foregone conclusion. Expert advice as well as widespread public condemnation has fallen on deaf ears.

I see little point in engaging in any depth with such a perverted system, other than to loudly proclaim how unacceptable I find it in what purports to be a modern representative democracy.

The legislation as passed is fundamentally flawed and cannot be repaired piecemeal. Rather than waste yet more time attempting to fix something this broken, the legislation should be completely repealed and an honest and transparent process of consultation with civil society should take place before any attempt at legislation is made again.

The ham-fisted way this legislation was passed—and the laughable way in which amendments *didn't even get made*—has further undermined trust in government from a populace that is utterly sick of its inability to computer.