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Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

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To: Committee, PJCIS (REPS)
Subject: RE: Inquiry into reforms of National Security Legislation

Dear Mr Secretary,

I only found out about the submission deadline for the Internet Security Legislation last week, and have only now had enough time to follow up information I received via my Greens senator. I often make informed submissions to government inquiries, as a long-term user of the internet, and distributed computing professional, but I feel this process has not been announced widely enough, and does not give me time for a considered response.

I object to the government outsourcing surveillance of my internet activities via forcing my ISP to record all my visited sites. As a computer scientist, I am aware that this is not a useful mechanism for catching serious criminals and terrorists, as the use of encrypted VPNs allows for the hiding of this information by anyone who wishes to maintain absolute privacy. Existing subpoenas and police search powers that act on valid warrants in cases of actual criminal investigations, are sufficient (and the only way to investigate the internet traffic of criminals who use the mechanisms I mention - by seizing their machines).

If ISP record keeping is made mandatory, I will begin using an overseas VPN to protect my privacy.

Yours faithfully
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