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Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

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RE: Inquiry into

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To whom it may concern, Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

I strongly opposed to the draconian proposals from Australia's intelligence community, that telephone and internet data of every Australian be retained for up to two years and intelligence agencies be given increased access to social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Such data retention schemes are extremely unpopular, have been a subject of much global debate & outrage, most ISP's & the majority of Australian's share these sentiments.

I strongly oppose any proposal from the intelligence agencies which are clearly infringements on our privacy & civil liberties.

Australia's intelligence agencies - including ASIO, ASIS and the DSD could easily be seen as a regime which could potentially pose a significant threat to the rights of all Australians, this is cause for alarm.

Civil liberties groups and many respected, responsible politicians say it is a first step in a systematic erosion of privacy online, I concur. "This extreme proposal is based on the notion that all our personal data should be stored by service providers so that every move we make can be surveilled or recalled for later data-mining," the Greens senator Scott Ludlam said.

I an strongly opposed to any proposals to authorise more agencies to routinely collect intelligence on Australians.

I am strongly opposed to any proposed changes, which would see officers from Australia's foreign intelligence services, ASIS and the DSD, allowed to monitor Australian citizens overseas if an ASIO officer was not available.

ASIO, whose main role is to monitor people in Australia - mainly citizens - who may present a security threat, has a specific legislative framework which was created to protect people's rights. Australians monitored by ASIS or DSD would presumably not have access to similar protections.

The rights of all Australian's must be upheld & strengthened, not eroded by toxic militant belief's...

Sincerely,

Mark Simpson