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Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

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While terrorism and infiltration by foreign governments clearly pose a threat to our society, there is a grave danger that in protecting our communications infrastructure from these threats, the government will further invade our privacy.

I am concerned with the trend of government consistently acquiring more and more access to our private information – generally using the excuse of “national security” or “anti terrorism” as the pretext. I have read the discussion paper and the text “ A requirement for C/CSPs to provide government when requested with information to to assist in the assessment of national security risks to telecommunications infrastructure” sounds to me like the power to demand just about any private information a government department feels like.

I have heard reports of all private emails having to be stored for 2 years and be available to government depts. I don't know if this is true, but if it is, this legislation will be strongly opposed.

I value what little privacy that I have left and I will be opposed to any legislation that gives government the power to stick its nose further into my business.

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