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INDEPENDENT NATIONAL SECURITY LEGISLATION MONITOR

SUBMISSIONS TO ENCRYPTION REVIEW EXTENDED

The due date for submissions to the independent review of Australia's encryption legislation, the *Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Assistance and Access) Act 2018* ([TOLA Act](#)), has been extended until 1 November 2019.

The Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (INSLM), [Dr James Renwick CSC, SC](#), said:

The Assistance and Access Act has attracted considerable public attention, both within Australia and internationally. I am aware that a large number of organisations hold concerns about the legislation, and I encourage these organisations to make a submission to the Review. Submissions are critical to my understanding of the legislation, as well as consideration of the issues and concerns held by industry, individuals and non-government organisations. My findings and recommendations to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security will be founded on the evidence I receive throughout the Review.

I am aware that a number of submissions have been lodged with the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security. However, I cannot have regard to those submissions without the express reference by their authors to my Review.

To ensure that organisations have sufficient time to make a submission to the Review, I have extended the due date for submission to 1 November 2019.

HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION

The INSLM is currently seeking submissions to the Review. Submissions are requested by **Friday, 1 November 2019**, and can be uploaded via the 'Online Submission Form' on the [INSLM website](#) or sent to INSLM@inssl.gov.au.

ABOUT THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL SECURITY LEGISLATION MONITOR

The INSLM is an independent officeholder appointed by the Governor-General under the INSLM Act; and is responsible for the ongoing review of the operation, effectiveness and implications of Australia's counter-terrorism and national security legislation. The INSLM has coercive powers, can compel answers to questions and has access to all relevant material, regardless of national security classification. INSLM reports are provided to the Attorney-General, the Prime Minister and the PJCIS and are tabled promptly in Parliament.

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