



FEDERAL ELECTION POLITICAL PARTY SURVEY

During the 2019 Federal Election, Digital Rights Watch is asking major political parties to answer questions relating to their policies.

Please return this survey to info@digitalrightswatch.org.au by COB Friday 26 April.

Encryption

1. Does your party support the right of Australian citizens to access and use encrypted communication platforms/services without interference or interception by government agencies?
2. In 2018, the Federal Parliament passed the *Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Assistance and Access) Act 2018*, providing additional powers to law enforcement agencies to intercept encrypted communications. Does your party support the repeal and/or amendment of this Act? If amend, what are your proposed amendments?

Privacy

1. Does your party support Australian government operated metadata retention and surveillance programs that engage in the collection and analysis of Australian citizens use of digital systems?
2. Does your party support the use of facial recognition software in policing, social services and other government agencies?
3. What is your party's policy on the continued exemption to the *Privacy Act 1988* for elected Members of Parliament, registered political parties, their staff, contractors and volunteers, as defined in section 41.7 of the Act?



4. Does your party support Government-ordered filtering or blocking of internet content through internet service providers?

5. Does your party support the implementation of the 2014 Australian Law Reform Commission recommendations for the introduction of a Commonwealth statutory civil cause of action for serious invasions of privacy, including digital privacy?

Copyright

1. Does your party support the extension of a safe harbour provisions to all Australian online service providers?

2. Does your party support the inclusion of a broad, general purpose, 'fair use style' exception to infringement in the *Copyright Act 1968*?

Government use of data

1. The national 'My Health Record' system was provided to Australian citizens in 2018. Does your party support the opt-out nature of this rollout? What is your party's policy on the use of a national database of individual citizen health data?

2. Does your party support/oppose the following:
 - a. [Manila Principles on Intermediary Liability](#)
 - b. [Necessary and Proportionate International Principles on the Application of Human Rights to Communications Surveillance](#)
 - c. [Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace](#)

3. In 2018, Centrelink started utilising an automated algorithm, with no human oversight, to identify overpayments to anyone receiving benefits. What is your party's policy on the use of automated algorithms within the delivery of government services?



4. Does your party support the returning of Australian Signals Directorate (ASD), Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) and other intelligence agencies to the ambit of the Freedom Of Information (FOI) Act?

5. Does your party support the concept of Australia championing a General Comment on Children and Digital Media to guide states, NGOs and corporations in their interpretation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child?

About Digital Rights Watch

Digital Rights Watch is a national charity whose mission is to ensure that Australian citizens are equipped, empowered and enabled to uphold their digital rights. We are a progressive change organisation and we believe that robust digital rights are essential for society to change for the better.

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