



ATTORNEY-GENERAL
THE HON ROBERT McCLELLAND MP

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The Hon Kevin Rudd MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to seek your approval to consult with the telecommunications industry on a proposal that my Department is working on to create a mandatory data retention regime, under the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* (the TIA Act).

The possible regulatory impact on industry means that their support will be critical for its success. My Department is now in a position where it can consult with industry participants on a draft regulatory model.

Mandatory data retention has been highlighted in the [redacted] S47C(1) [redacted] as a potential mechanism to combat serious and organised crime in a global telecommunications environment.

A consultation paper which will be distributed to industry partners is at **Attachment A**.

The action officer for this matter in my Department is [redacted] S47F(1) [redacted] who can be contacted on [redacted] S47F(1) [redacted]

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert McClelland'.

Robert McClelland