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Committee Secretary  
Parliamentary Joint Committee on  
Intelligence and Security

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Dear Committee Secretary

**Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security inquiry into the  
Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill 2014**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) notes the opportunity to make a formal submission to the inquiry into the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill 2014. Although the ACCC does not consider a submission is required at this stage, as an agency which makes use of powers the subject of this inquiry, the below points are brought to the Committee's attention.

The ACCC notes that it made a submission on similar issues to the Committee in 2012. As that submission stated, the ACCC considers that the capacity to access communications information and stored communications data is an important tool, which furthers the ACCC's effectiveness in performing its functions.

In the event that the ACCC is not named by the legislation as an agency which will have automatic powers to access this kind of data, it would need to apply to the Attorney-General's Department to do so. It is likely that such an application will be forthcoming, should it be required.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 6243 1189 or at [LisaAnne.Ayres@accc.gov.au](mailto:LisaAnne.Ayres@accc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Anne Ayres'.

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