

Oz-Anon Hacks Government Web Sites

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The Australian arm of Anonymous warned that it will continue the attacks on ".gov.au" sites until plans to force ISPs to store user data and make it available to security services and others are shelved.

The hackers said the attacks were in response to changes being discussed by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS).

The proposed security expansions would mean everything from social networking to emails would be monitored and stored for up to two years, and intelligence agencies would be given increased access to sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

According to the report, the attacks started after Prime Minister Julia Gillard answered policy questions via webcam in an online Google+ Hangout session on Saturday.

But the sites targeted so far are all run by the Queensland State Government, the report said.

Anonymous Australia said that the attacks were brought forward to coincide with Gillard's online Q and A session and it had raised the privacy concerns with the PM earlier on a Twitter.

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