

**Media Release: Future Wise calls for government to protect encryption**

Future Wise has joined hundreds of other organisations, companies and individuals to call on world leaders to maintain the security of the Internet by rejecting policies which undermine encryption and supporting the development and use of secure internet communications tools.

The letter, launched today by global digital rights organisation Access Now, signed by Future Wise as well as the Australian Privacy Foundation and Blueprint for Free Speech, among many others is available online at <https://www.securetheinternet.org>

“These encryption tools are the basis for secure internet banking and shopping and protecting your personal information online”, said Future Wise privacy analyst, Geordie Guy. “They are even more important in other parts of the world, where expressing an opinion can get you arrested or worse. It is not possible to weaken this security in the name of catching criminals without compromising their effectiveness for everyone”, Mr Guy continued.

Future Wise is a non-partisan, non-government organisation which focuses on improvements in technology, health and education, and how these areas improve the lives of people over the long-term. More information is available on our website: <https://www.futurewise.org.au>

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