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The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
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Dear Prime Minister *Scott*

I write to inform you that it is not my intention to use the Federal Government's pandemic phone app until I'm convinced it's effective and secure. Until then I remain unconvinced that the likely low take-up rate in the community will achieve anything, other than give people a false sense of safety and encourage them to drop their personal health precautions.

In addition, I don't trust the Government to implement, manage and safeguard the system without risk of leaks or hacks, or to limit the use of the system to the pandemic. I am mindful of the promises that were made to limit the use of mandatory metadata retention, and that mission creep and mismanagement ultimately proved those promises hollow.

I'm also concerned that Australia would use a version of the off-the-shelf Singapore app when Singapore, though a strong ally, is also a master of electronic intelligence operations. That the app is being "cleared" by Australia's electronic intelligence agency will hardly give the community comfort.

I am prepared to be open minded about this and would be grateful for a response to the concerns raised with me by the members of the community. However, the way things stand right now, I won't support the initiative or download the app myself.

Yours sincerely

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