

I am from New Zealand and laws that are made at the U.S. Copyright Office affect the global population, as you know.

I believe 'jailbreaking' should never be a crime. For me it is simple, if you purchase a piece of hardware, you then own that hardware. If you want to do something to the software on it, then you can do whatever you like.

I believe the issue of tampering with software and distributing it illegally is a different one and should be treated different.

If I own a smartphone or tablet, I can put it on the ground and smash it into a thousand peices. Now if I overwrite the software that came with the device, with software I made myself - I just don't understand for what reasons the later example could be illegal.

Anyway, it's your call, please don't screw us - I'll just stop buying smartphones if I can't use the hardware I own how I like. I'll just buy a cheap rubbish phone instead and use that for 3 years.