

Submission AGAINST: IDENTITY VERIFICATION SERVICES BILL 2023

As a sovereign individual, I vehemently oppose the Identity Verification Services Bill 2023.

This bill represents more overreach and control from a corporatised government entity which is (rapidly) eroding our individual rights and responsibilities.

This bill cannot and will not meet the claimed security and privacy markers but is structured to absolve any form of accountability for public employees, departments and the corporate government entity from being held to account for the inevitable breaches, hacking, misuse and shortcomings of an identification management system.

What ever happened to being responsible for our own information? Understanding the importance of safe-keeping and protection of our personal documents? You can't tell me that centralizing everyone's data in a single, hackable location could ever be more secure than decentralised records of 25 million+ individuals.

And what about your jobs? You, government employee reading this...you used to provide face to face services and phone consults but now your job is being sucked into the computerised world of artificial intelligence – what will you do when your desk job is gone and you a join the queue of people looking for work in a society where jobs are being replaced by AI? At least your digital verification data will already be available when you join the bread-line at Centrelink. Oh wait, they won't be there to help you either; guess you'll have to tell your woes to the computer processing your application for support; you need to stand up and be counted too – say no to this insidious bill.

Don't be convinced that this is all for our security and convenience, because it is none of that. This bill is a further consolidation of an ongoing process to collate our personal information and biometric data in order to create our online identity...read that slowly and consider "online identity" ... all part of a sinister move to create a virtual you, a virtual me, a virtual everyone. Your face biometrics, combined with all your personal identity made into you. Or maybe even cloned as a humanoid version of you – imagine Jenny 2.0 or John 2.0. How will you prove who is the real Jenny or John? It may sound far-fetched, but it's certainly not impossible to get there if you consider the technological capabilities now available.

I maintain that the Identity Verification Services Bill 2023 is fraught with great risk at being misused or compromised and will contribute negatively by reducing human experiences and interactions, remove accountability, further degrade personal responsibilities to protect one's information and increase dependence on government; it will expose our personal data to fraud and mis-management and ultimately theft of our ID.

NO to Identity Verification Services Bill 2023.

NO to this (behind the scenes of the Voice to Parliament) backdoor push towards digitising our identities.

Just NO!

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