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I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed Bill to ban children under the age of 16 from accessing social media platforms. I do not consent to this Bill, as it infringes upon fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Australian Constitution and the International Human Rights Act.

The core principles of our democracy, including the right to free speech and access to information, must be upheld. Banning children from using social media infringes on their rights to freedom of expression, access to information, and digital participation, which are essential in the 21st century. The internet, including social media platforms, has become an integral part of education, communication, and civic engagement.

Furthermore, this bill appears to pave the way for creating a digital ID system that incorporates facial recognition technology to verify age. Such systems could lead to the infringement of individual privacy and create unnecessary surveillance mechanisms that will result in a loss of autonomy for Australian citizens. We cannot consent to a system that prioritizes control and surveillance over individual freedoms.

In addition, it is important to highlight that Australia's system of free speech, as protected by our Constitution and various international human rights treaties, must not be undermined by governmental overreach. The rights to free expression and access to digital communication should not be curtailed based on age alone, and it is not the role of the government to impose such sweeping restrictions on personal freedoms without substantial, democratic debate and consent.

I demand that the Australian Government immediately halt the progress of this Bill, as it violates the principles of human rights, individual freedom, and privacy.

I do not consent to any measures that would limit access to free speech or introduce a system of mass surveillance and control. I further request that my objections to this Bill be recorded and that the government refrain from implementing any legislation that threatens fundamental civil liberties.

Parents should be calling on a Referendum on this matter so all voices are heard as legal guardians of their property that being their children.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to receiving a prompt response acknowledging my opposition.

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Sincerely,