

Sample – Campaign 1

This Social Media Minimum Age Bill and its provisions unacceptable. They should not proceed further. I am happy for you to publish this, but please remove my name.

These are the main issues that I am worried about:

1. The Bill compromises Free Speech in Australia by fostering censorship on Social Media Platforms, due to ambiguity in defining 'reasonable steps'. Additionally, it curtails anonymous expression, discouraging users from voicing their opinions openly and fearlessly.
2. The Bill undermines parents by failing to offer effective solutions like parental controls and giving them a false sense of security. This inadequacy may lead to parents relying on the Bill instead of actively managing their children's online safety, thus diminishing their parental responsibilities.
3. The Digital Online ID Bill risks Australians' privacy rights as it introduces a new platform for identity fraud, while online systems may not be adequately secure. This could result in private data leaks, putting personal information at risk. Over 55 words would allow for more in-depth analysis.
4. Removing all access to social media can be detrimental to children's development. It can limit their ability to learn how to navigate these platforms as adults, which are increasingly important in our digital age. Furthermore, it may exclude certain minority groups, like the LGB community, who rely on social media to form connections and find support.
5. The Bill undermines the International Reputation of Australia by contradicting global leadership and compounding the embarrassment caused by the MisInformation Bill. It portrays Australia as a country that disregards international standards and values, tarnishing its image on the global stage.

Please take a strong stand against the Social Media Minimum Age Bill - it is time to stand up for our Democracy.

Regards,

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Dear Senate,

I write to you in order to express my concerns about the Age Identification Bill. This should not proceed any further. Please publish this submission under my name.

My main arguments are:

- The Bill undermines parents by giving the state control over what content children can access, rather than leaving this responsibility with parents who are better equipped to make decisions for their own children.
- The nearly \$50 million dollar fines are inappropriate because they are grossly disproportionate to the offense, potentially causing undue hardship for individuals and businesses.
- The Bill is inappropriately vague as it doesn't clearly define "reasonable step," which could include a VPN, yet in the eSafety Commissioner v X Corp case, a VPN wasn't considered reasonable, creating confusion and inconsistency.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

with regards,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This Age Identification Bill and its provisions unacceptable. They should not proceed further. Please remove my name when you publish this.

These are the main issues that I am worried about:

* The Bill undermines parents by offering ineffective solutions and a false sense of security, rather than promoting parental controls within Android and iOS that would truly protect children from online harm.

* The Bill's ambiguity on "reasonable steps" encourages platforms to censor content to avoid legal risks, thus undermining Australians' free speech.

* The potential fines are inappropriate due to their disproportionate nature when considering small bulletin boards. Such penalties could financially devastate these organisations, which don't have the same resources as larger corporations.

* The Digital Online ID Bill risks Australians' privacy rights because the Age Verification requirement identifies all users, regardless of age, and online platforms may not effectively secure private data, increasing the risk of leakage.

Please take a strong stand against the Age Identification Bill - it is time to stand up for our Democracy.

Regards,