

To whom it may concern,

As a technologist I would like to express my grave concerns at parts of the draft Online Safety Bill, which could have a chilling effect on internet freedoms, and harm marginalised communities in Australia.

While I agree that many of the issues the Bill is seeking to tackle are important, we must be careful not to throw sex workers and marginalised communities under the bus while doing so, and we must ensure we do not weaken or damage the fundamental basis of a secure, private internet (encryption).

I urge you to take on board the feedback from many organisations such as Digital Rights Watch and Scarlet Alliance when making changes to this bill.

I am happy for you to publish this submission, minus my contact details.

Kind regards,
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Technologist

