Consultation on a Bill for a new Online Safety Act.

I oppose Part 9 of the Online Safety Bill 2020. It contains and conflates improving online safety with the sexual activity and content created and uploaded by consenting adults.

The inclusion of Part 9 in this bill effectively conflates online porn with such things as cyber bullying, revenge porn, cyber abuse material, image-based abuse, and online material that promotes violence.

It is not the appropriate place to regulate this kind of activity.

This bill isn't the right place to amend online content regulation. It is inappropriate for any bill about online safety to amend online content regulation applying to consenting adults

•Part 9 does NOT relate to content that is abusive, violent, harmful, portrays children, constitutes cyberbullying, revenge porn, image-based abuse or terrorism related content.

•Part 9 is an assault on freedom of expression (freedom of speech)

•Part 9 will negatively and unfairly impact the sex industry and porn industry

•Part 9 will disproportionately negatively impact the LGBTIQ community

•Part 9 is ill-conceived and may have broad negative unintended consequences for social media companies

•A separate review (the Review of Australian classification regulation) is already looking at online content regulation and this separate review is better placed to consider changes to the Online Content Scheme