

## Online Safety Bill 2020 – Submission

### Re: new cyber abuse scheme for Australian adults, to facilitate the removal of serious online abuse and harassment:

1. This submission is in response to the consultation submissions regarding the Online Safety Bill 2020 and in particular the new scheme for Australian adults concerning serious online abuse and harassment
2. In regards to the new scheme as mentioned above, although it is a welcome addition it does not go far enough in protecting affected adults as the scheme appears to cover mostly abuse and harassment of adults in respect to a sexual or pornographic nature
3. Expansion of this scheme should include hate websites that contain personal abuse, harassment and defamatory content and where the website is registered offshore with hosting sites to avoid litigation proceedings and where the person or persons behind the website remain anonymous and do not identify themselves for obvious reasons. An example of such a hate website run by internet trolls and keyboard warriors is: <http://www.anzmi.net/>
4. There should be a legal requirement for all search engines such as Google, Bing, Yahoo etc to remove such websites as above from their search results as well as hosting sites as has already been implemented by such countries as the European Union
5. The above website publishes defamatory content about individuals that they target to harass and abuse and they also gleefully publish further content when the individual commits suicide, as has been the case on a number of occasions. They publish personal information about people that in turn causes identity theft and would be in breach of privacy laws on the basis of published content.
6. These hate websites should not be allowed to operate without impunity and should be subject to criminal and or civil sanctions. It should be a requirement that person or persons of these websites be required to be legally identified, the same as would be required if obtaining a drivers license, passport or opening a bank account
7. In accordance with the assessment process consideration is given to criminal history in respect to serious offences in respect to Part 2- interpretation, section 15 and Schedule 2 and disqualifying offences in respect to section 16 and Schedule 4 of the above act
8. The new scheme should have provisions not only for most abuse and harassment, not just what is classed as serious, but also for content that defames, causes offence or embarrassment
9. Any person or persons should be prohibited from publishing such content anonymously or by stealth without identifying themselves and websites should be prohibited from registering on a hosting service in either Australia or overseas without the full and proper identity of the person or persons involved