

# Re. Inquiry into age verification for online wagering and online pornography

To the Committee

I am a high school teacher. It is obvious to me that most of my students, from year 7 up, have had access to pornography. They reveal to me that they know the names of the so-called “porn stars” featured on Pornhub, for example.

I am concerned that pornography is providing the example of sexuality for them as they mature sexually. It is widespread and shapes the norm of sexual expectations. I am sure you have read of the increasing incidence of girls being hospitalised after violent anal intercourse.

My experience with young people strongly indicates that access to pornography is easy for them. I believe we should curtail their access and I hope that you, the committee, find that to be the case and require a robust system of age verification be implemented.

Yours Sincerely

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