



# Property Owners' Association of Victoria Inc

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## Response by Property Owners' Association of Victoria to the Inquiry: The Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024

We are poised to oppose this proposal to have social media being used to identify the identities of users for the benefit of the government against the interests of the public's rights to the freedoms that we have inherited and intend to pass onto our descendants, in this Australia that our ancestors fought and died for, we have No Doubt that this particular part of the raft of communist proposals from the Government is designed to destroy our rights to defend our other property rights.

We concur with Tony Nikolic writing. In The Spectator Australia 21 November 2024:  
The True Nature of Your Duty

As elected representatives, your role is not to act as the parent of the citizenry but as the guardian of their freedoms.

They are our children, not yours. The duty of care that you owe to the public is to prosecute wrongdoers, not to ban access by children to social media like YouTube and others, but to prosecute the pornography and the pedophiles. Recently a Vic govt enquiry was told that farmers were wanting the video and content obtained illegally by trespass, to be censored. However the crime statistics show that the police in Victoria would not prosecute this wilful criminal trespass.

In a like manner, the action carried out by X On its platforms is to add community notes that is the way that the MAD bill should have been carried forwards. The technology exists for detection of policeable crimes and the proposal to age identify children is enabling worse invasions of privacy and freedom of communications that are totally dangerous to our freedom of speech.

In a similar way to our comments on the MAD bill, we oppose the imposition of identification of users in social media.

This is a similar attempt at censorship of the free press that caused the industrial revolution and the strengthening of western civilisation.

Without a free media, we will fall into a backwards woke country that is not Australia any more.

Sincerely in haste.

Please extend the submission time to allow more to provide important grass roots feedback to you..

Property Owners Association of Victoria.