DIGITAL ID SUBMISSION

The Australian people have not given this or any government a mandate to introduce digital ID.

In this age of ever increasing data breaches, we need less digital information, not more. A digital ID will concentrate all information on one point, making us very much more vulnerable to cyber-crime, including that committed by the government. I do not consent to having all of my information attached to a digital ID that can easily be accessed and corrupted. For example, my health status has nothing to do with my financial status, or my tax status, or my education or employment history, etc. Should digital ID be introduced, we will no longer be able to keep any information private or siloed and it will all be accessible by the government and the bureaucracy. We all know that privacy safeguards are ineffective, and with the advent of AI it will be impossible to guarantee privacy.

Identification methods used to access government records can already be abused. Voice identification, such as used by many government departments including the tax office is one such problem. Technology today can mimic a person's voice and identity theft using voice mimicry is a potentially huge problem, a problem that can only intensify if other information such as health and financial information is linked to a central ID.

Digital identity will make it easier for government surveillance of the entire population. There are many people in Australia who object strongly to this and will vote accordingly. Surveillance will potentially include everything from how and when we spend our money, how we behave, social credit scores and readings, and consequent limits to behaviour imposed by government. This is already happening to some extent with banks imposing limits on access to cash and limits on spending one's own money on certain items. I don't know why the banks are allowed to do this now, but it will only get worse with a digital identity. These sorts of controls and behaviour modifying restrictions are not acceptable to the majority of Australians and will backfire on any government that tries to introduce them.

Many older people will be unable to cope with a digital ID. Many of us do not have the familiarity of doing everything digitally. That accessibility is one of the key reasons for keeping things as non-digital as possible. It is why we need to preserve such functions as access to money, and services, outside the digital space.

We are constantly warned that we face a strong risk of loss of all internet services, either through a cyber 'pandemic' or as a result of a solar storm which could interfere with the power grid, and potentially bring it down catastrophically. There is also the possibility that it could be destroyed through an act of war. A digital ID and reliance on digital systems will make for more unmanageable chaos should these possibilities eventuate, as seems likely given the constant warnings issued by the World Economic Forum and other mouthpieces of the UN.

A digital ID is a serious step towards introducing Central Bank Digital Currency y (CDBC). With reliance on CBDC the government will have ultimate control of populations, as conditions to payments and release of funds can be easily made at a central point, and switched off if necessary, as happened to Canadian truckers when their bank accounts were frozen because they dared to protest against the government. Is this level of control really a world we want? Where will we allow government to draw the line? By dictating how we spend our own money? By controlling how much

money is provided to us? By allowing government to determine where we live, how we live, where we travel (if at all), how many vaccines we are required to take, what other drugs we are required to take or health supplements we are forbidden. If this seems a tad far-fetched, we should not forget that vaccine passports are being pushed by the World Health Organisation which amount to coercion to taking experimental medical that has already injured and harmed millions of people. In Australia QR codes and showing evidence of vaccination status was also introduced for some time, with entry to certain establishments denied to those unable to provide proof. This proved to be a huge mistake and could well have been made even worse had we had a digital ID for everyone that is linked, among other things, to health status.

Many years ago Australians voted that they did not want a national ID card. Until there is a further referendum challenging this, the government must not presume to know the minds of the people or act with complete disregard to their wishes. This is an issue that should rightly go to the people through a referendum. Its implications are too serious to do otherwise.

In short a digital ID is an unnecessary tool that lends itself to centralised government control. We do not need it, and do not want it. Information is already too digitised and too centralised and this will make it worse. We should be doing the exact opposite to protect ourselves from the accidental or planned cyber-attacks we are constantly warned about.