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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to make my submission on the Children's Online Privacy Code and to raise my concerns about the inclusion of Age Assurance.

My main arguments are:

1. I believe this creates backdoor digital ID because the Code forces virtually all online services to verify ages—applying to any platform children might access. Since treating everyone as a child is economically impossible, companies must verify users' ages, effectively mandating universal digital identification across the internet.
2. I could use the best interests test to impose my own subjective views without requiring scientific or medical evidence. This allows me to determine what content serves users' "best interests" based purely on my perspective, making the system vulnerable to advocacy group influence and enabling censorship.
3. I believe this backdoor age verification is anti-democratic because it lacks the safeguards included in the social media ban, leaving citizens vulnerable. More troubling, the OAIC buried this provision in a draft code rather than advertising it widely. If they had nothing to hide, they would have pursued this openly and transparently, not through obscure bureaucratic channels.
4. I believe the Australian Government's study is fundamentally flawed for two critical reasons: it relies on data from Age Assurance Technology Trials that showed inadequate results for 16+ age gates, and the trial report itself contains multiple AI-generated hallucinated citations, undermining its credibility entirely.

Please remove all the 'age assurance' provisions from this code.

Kindest regards,

[Redacted Signature]