

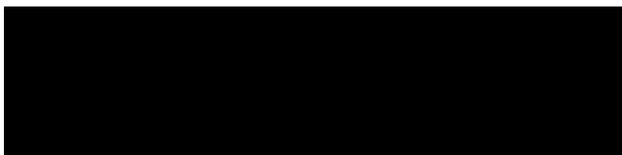
Submission regarding Trusted Digital Identity Bill

I write on behalf of our organisation to oppose the extension of the above proposed legislation. I have a significant concern for the increase in technology allowing the invasion by the government and corporations into our collective privacy. The limited restrictions and potential misuse of the legislative entitlement that this bill proposes to legislate is an overreach as an incursion of our rights as Australian citizens.

In particular I also have specific concerns regarding section 104 (inclusive all points section 1): “Authorised uses and disclosures of personal or commercially sensitive information (1) A person may use or disclose protected information if: (a) the use or disclosure is made for the purposes of: (i) performing a duty or function, or exercising a power, under or in relation to this Act; or (ii) enabling another person to perform duties or functions, or exercise powers, under or in relation to this Act; or (iii) assisting in the administration or enforcement of another Australian law; or (b) the use or disclosure is required or authorised by or under: (i) a Commonwealth law (including this Act); or (ii) a law, of a State or Territory, that is prescribed by the TDI rules; or (c) the person referred to in subparagraph 103(1)(d)(i) or (ii) has expressly consented to the use or disclosure; or (d) at the time of the use or disclosure, the protected information is already lawfully publicly available; or (e) both: (i) the use or disclosure is, or is a kind of use or disclosure that is, certified in writing by the Minister to be in the public interest; and (ii) the use or disclosure is made in accordance with any requirements prescribed by the TDI rules; or (f) both: (i) the person believes on reasonable grounds that the use or disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the life or health of a person; and (ii) the use or disclosure is for the purposes of preventing or lessening that threat.

Given that the bill allows for collection and storage of restricted information (including health information, welfare support payments, this provides opportunities (as we are currently seeing) for this information to be used to allow/limit access to services (Commonwealth, state, private, etc) based on health choices and potential misuse of information under guise of ‘public health’ and threat to ‘health of a person’.

I also refer to section 105,2 and ‘use or disclosure is in the public interest’. I also have concerns re: potential use of restricted and non-restricted information to



attach conditions regarding welfare support payments, business operations, access to services.

I record strong objection to this bill and will seek redress for any unwarranted invasion of my rights. I request the bill be rejected in its current form until the preservation of our privacy as Australian Citizens is totally secured in avoidance of unwarranted interpretation of the proposed legislation.

Yours sincerely

