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**The Hon Anika Wells MP**

Minister for Communications

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Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Minister Wells,

We are writing as Independent Members of Parliament to urge the Government to commit to Teach Us Consent's *Fix Our Feeds* campaign, and to take decisive action in the Online Safety Act review to address the real and escalating harm being caused by algorithm-driven content.

Across our electorates, we are hearing deep concern about the ways social media platforms are amplifying deliberately divisive, violent and extremist material, particularly targeting young men with misogynistic narratives.

Adults and young people alike are being pushed into feeds promoting misogyny, pro-eating disorder content, conspiracy theories, anti-democracy propaganda, homophobia and racism. This content is undermining social cohesion and driving division across the country.

These algorithms are not neutral. They are designed to elevate content that provokes outrage, fear and anger to keep users scrolling for longer – and the result is a growing ecosystem that normalises misogyny, fuels violence supportive attitudes and further polarises our population. These algorithms do not just reflect society, they shape it.

We understand the Government's social media ban for under-16s will come into effect on 10 December, but Australians of all ages are being exposed to harmful content online every day.

The Fix Our Feeds campaign proposes a simple but powerful reform: requiring platforms to give users the choice to opt in to algorithm-driven feeds, rather than being automatically placed in them.

This would mean social media defaults back to showing chronological posts from accounts a user actually follows. And where platforms offer a "discover" or "for you" feed, the content shown would be based on what is broadly popular, rather than being shaped by a user's past behaviour or the platform's engagement-driven predictions.

Giving Australians genuine control over what they are shown online is a practical and meaningful step toward reducing exposure to harmful content, particularly for young men who are most vulnerable to being drawn into extremist online spaces.

This aligns squarely with the Government's stated commitment to addressing Australia's national crisis of violence against women. If we want to change behaviour, we must also



change the online environments that are shaping young people's understanding of gender, relationships and power.

The European Union's *Digital Services Act* shows that non-personalised browsing is not only possible but practical, requiring platforms to give users more transparency, more choice over what they see and stronger control over personalisation. This proposal builds on that approach by flipping the default: Australians would only receive algorithm-selected content if they actively opt in, rather than being automatically placed into it.

With the Online Safety Act in review, we respectfully urge you to ensure that the Government includes measures that would require platforms to provide this opt-in choice.

It is a necessary complement to enforcement, education and prevention - and an important step toward a safer, more respectful digital environment for all Australians.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you further and to work constructively on reforms that genuinely reduce harm.

Yours sincerely,

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