

# Consultative Working Group on Cyber-Safety

## Terms of Reference

As part of the Australian Government's cyber-safety plan, the Consultative Working Group will:

- consider those aspects of cyber-safety faced by Australian children
- provide information to Government on measures required to operate and maintain world's best practice safeguards for Australian children engaging in the digital economy and
- advise the Government on priorities for action by government and industry.

The Consultative Working Group's considerations will include:

1. the online environment in which Australian children currently engage, including key physical points of access (schools, libraries, internet cafes, homes, mobiles) and stakeholders controlling or able to influence that engagement (governments, parents, teachers, traders, internet service providers, content service providers)
2. the nature, prevalence and implications of cyber-safety threats, such as:
  - abuse of children online (cyber-bullying, cyber-stalking and sexual grooming)
  - exposure to illegal and inappropriate content
  - promotion of inappropriate social and health behaviours (technology addiction, anorexia, drug usage, underage drinking and smoking)
  - identity theft and
  - breaches of privacy.
3. Australian and international responses to current cyber-safety threats (education, filtering, regulation, enforcement) and their effectiveness
4. opportunities for cooperation across Australian stakeholders and with international stakeholders in dealing with cyber-safety issues
5. information required to realise the potential for achieving and continuing world's best practice safeguards and
6. ensuring that their deliberations take account of new technologies and the changing nature of the cyber-safety environment and continue to remain relevant.

The Consultative Working Group will consider the reports of its Sub-Committees and a Youth Advisory Group on cyber-safety issues for children and how to deliver effective solutions.

The Committee is also to inquire into and report on such other matters relating to cyber-safety that may be referred to it by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.