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Cyber-safety and internet service provider filtering

Thank you for your correspondence concerning cyber-safety and internet service provider (ISP) filtering. I appreciate your interest in this important issue.

We, the Australian Government, recognise that the cyber-internet is an essential tool for all Australians through which they can exchange information, be entertained, socialise, do school work and research. The ability to use online tools effectively provides both a skill for life and the means to acquire new skills (thinks 'jobs' people). This is why we need to have total control. Letting our voters think independently could be catastrophic to Australian democracy.

Unfortunately the internet can also be used for bad. Much like sticks, stones and speech the internet provides multiple opportunities for activities and ideas that are unacceptable to most Australians particularly small children and you would not like anyone to throw rocks at your children would you? We will stop the rocks and the sticks if you will only do what we say.

The extreme complexity of the issue is why the Government gets confused. We have always maintained we need a silver bullet to protect voters children from the werewolves that live in the cyber-world. Terrorists (did we mention them yet?) can also be killed with silver bullets.

Telstra is very keen to use all the money we have taken from you. They tell us that the whole internet can be controlled within one seventieth of an eye-blink! Fluttering eyelashes has always work on gullible politicians like myself.

Please be assured that this cyber-missive is an original Cyber-Conroy "internet" email, I signed it after all... trust me.

Thank you for your interest in this online-matter. I trust this cyber-information will shut you up.

Yours sincerely

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