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To: The Honourable Anthony Albanese MP

Prime Minister of Australia

Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

Re: The Australian Government's Use of X

Dear Prime Minister,

I write again on behalf of Away from Keyboard Inc., an Australian registered charity focused on the prevention of digital harm and the impacts of emerging technologies, to raise urgent and escalating concern regarding the continued use of X (formerly Twitter) by the Australian Government.

This correspondence follows my previous letter to you and is prompted by recent, serious harms associated with Grok, the generative AI system deployed on X. These developments require immediate attention and decisive leadership.

Grok has been used to generate and manipulate non-consensual sexualised imagery, disproportionately targeting women and girls, and has raised grave concerns regarding the generation of child sexual abuse material (CSAM). These harms were foreseeable. They are not anomalies or edge cases; they are the predictable outcome of deploying powerful generative systems without adequate safeguards, governance, or meaningful restrictions.

This constitutes a serious and egregious form of technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV). The creation of sexualised, non-consensual imagery is a violation of dignity, autonomy, and bodily integrity. For women and girls, the harm is gendered, enduring, and irreversible. Once such material exists, no amount of retrospective moderation can undo the damage.

We must be unequivocal: there can be no tolerance for systems that enable the generation of CSAM. AI-generated CSAM must be eradicated entirely. Any platform that allows such material to be produced, whether through negligence, weak safeguards, or design failure, must not be condoned, endorsed, or legitimised by Australian government officials.

A “repair after harm” approach is unacceptable. Trauma cannot be reversed. Safety cannot be retrofitted. Prevention is not optional; it is a duty.

The continued use of X by Australian Government agencies is not neutral. It provides institutional legitimacy and material support to a platform that has demonstrably failed

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to protect users from severe harm. This directly undermines Australia's stated commitments to online safety, gender equality, child protection, and human rights.

My position is informed not only by my role as Founder of Away from Keyboard Inc., but by my broader work in governance and human rights. I work at the Commonwealth level with the National Council of Women of Great Britain, including its Online Harm Working Party. I hold the Human Rights, Youth, and Technology Adviser portfolios with the National Council of Women Victoria, and I have engaged in sustained advocacy through Senate submissions on digital harm and emerging technologies.

I am also a member of the Women in AI Governance - Human Rights Committee, where these exact issues are recognised as urgent global priorities. The consensus is clear: digital rights are human rights, and governments must lead by example in refusing to normalise platforms that enable abuse, exploitation, or systemic harm.

Australia has an opportunity, and a responsibility, to demonstrate leadership. We cannot continue to use platforms that lack robust safeguards, that expose women to digital sexual violence, or that create pathways for the sexual exploitation of children. Government communications choices set standards. They signal what is acceptable.

Accordingly, I again call on the Australian Government to:

- Immediately cease the use of X for official government communications, unless and until it can demonstrate robust, enforceable safeguards consistent with Australian law and human rights obligations;
- Adopt a prevention-first, safety-by-design approach to emerging technologies, rejecting models that rely on harm occurring before action is taken; and
- Lead by example by refusing to endorse or support platforms that enable TFGBV or any risk of CSAM generation, in any form.

We cannot sit idly by. The harms are real, the risks are known, and the consequences of inaction will be borne by women, children, and future generations.

Australia must lead, and leadership begins with where we choose to stand.

Yours sincerely,

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