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Extrait p.159 – Tama Leaver, *theconversation.com*

Australia's social media ban won't stop cyberbullying

Many people believe the ban will prevent cyberbullying. It won't–because bullying is a social problem, which can't be solved with a quick technical fix. […]

It can be reassuring to think of bullying as somehow just a social media or online problem.

While cyberbullying extends the abuse of bullying into homes and bedrooms, platforms don't actually bully. People do. And often those people are peers, colleagues and classmates, and much less often strangers.

In some ways the term cyberbullying itself is unhelpful. It puts focus on the "cyber" component, when the bullying is actually the problem. […]

The social media ban is a fairly blunt[1] tool, and does not have the complexity needed to directly address or necessarily even reduce cyberbullying. […]

There is no quick fix, no magic button that will stop cyberbullying. The social media ban certainly won't do it–and it shouldn't give young people or adults a false sense of security.

Tama Leaver, *theconversation.com*, December 10, 2025.

[1] useless (*ici*)

Extrait p.159 – Article de Josh Taylor, *The Guardian*

Social media ban explained

What is Australia's social media ban and when does it start?

From Wednesday 10 December, platforms that the Australian government has included in the ban will need to deactivate all accounts for users under 16 and prevent those users from holding an account until after they turn 16.

The eSafety commissioner must be satisfied the platforms have taken "reasonable steps" to prevent under 16s from holding an account on the platform, or they will face a fine of up to $49.5m.

What social media platforms and apps are getting banned for under-16s? […]

Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, X, YouTube, Reddit, Twitch and Kick were named in the initial list of apps to be included in the ban. […]

The government has said this is a dynamic list, so other platforms could be added at a later stage if, for example, kids flee to one after the ban is in effect and it raises similar concerns as the above. […]

Platforms such as Roblox, YouTube Kids, Google Classroom, and job platforms like LinkedIn are exempt. […]

How will age verification work on social media?

That is ultimately up to the platform to decide. The one requirement from the government is that requesting ID cannot be the only form of age check. […]

Will they delete all my social media accounts if I'm under 16?

For Facebook and Instagram, teens will have the choice of downloading all of their photos and messages and putting their accounts on hold for when they do turn 16.

They also have the option to delete their account. […]

The government has said that people should not expect the ban to be perfect on day one, and that they won't be seeking to punish platforms right away if they don't comply.

"We do not anticipate that all the under 16 accounts will automatically or magically disappear on December 10th overnight.

Josh Taylor, *The Guardian*, 2025

Extrait p.162 – Article de Ange Lavoipierre, *abc.net.au*

Teen activists could be the key to social media ban challenge

A constitutional fight is brewing[1] over Australia's worldfirst social media ban, according to top legal scholars.

YouTube emerged as the most likely source of a challenge to the ban in July, when parent company Google first raised the prospect.

But experts in constitutional and media law told the ABC that doubts about the ban's constitutional validity extended well beyond the board rooms[2] of the companies that would stand to gain from a victory.

They argue the policy could ultimately be overturned in the High Court because of its impact on the implied right to freedom of political communication, and believe that young climate activists such as 16-year-old Ivy Sheng showcase that risk.

The Year 10 student uses Instagram to promote her podcast about environmental justice, as well as sharing her political views with a wide network, including both adults and younger students.

She credits much of her "political education" to social media.

"There wasn't really one specific moment where I suddenly switched on [politically], but I was about 12," she said.

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[1] developing

[2] a room where heads of companies meet

Ivy will scrape past[3] the new social media age limit of 16 when it takes effect on December 10, but many of her peers are preparing to lose access to their accounts once platforms start checking ages, as required by Australian law.

“That’s the first group that I’m reaching and so with this ban in place, that’s going to be a group that we’re losing,” she said. Ivy said social media had become the main place where young people developed their political views, and represented their best opportunity to be heard by people who were old enough to vote.

“Having young people step up and say, like, hey, this is going to impact my future—I think that’s probably the most important thing that’s going to bring more older people into the [climate] movement,” she said.

“If people aren’t able to access […] social media, they won’t be thinking about this when they go into their teens and when they [reach] voting age.”

“And that’s just not something that is beneficial for us, I think, as a society.”

Ange Lavoipierre, *abc.net.au*, 2025

[3] *contourner*

Extrait p.163 – Article de Arpan Rai, *independent.co.uk*

Australian influencer family leaving country

An “influencer family” is leaving Australia to save their daughter’s career as a content creator as the country prepares to enforce a ban on social media for under-16s.

The Perth-based family, which goes by their social media name of “The Empire Family”, is looking to move to London. […]

The family of Beck and Rebecca and their daughter Charli, 14, and son Prezley, 17, say they do not want to lose their millions of followers and continue sharing their lives on social media.

The two children started on social media in 2018 and the family together amassed six million followers across platforms over the next seven years.

The relocation to the UK is intended to ensure Charli can continue her online career.

“When we heard that it was actually going to happen, we were like, “Okay, we need a solution because Charli loves being online,” Ms Rebecca said. […]

The ban is absolute, unlike similar measures in EU countries where minors can still access social media with parental permission.

Ms Rebecca says her children are well aware of the risks of using social media.

“We always have a bit of a discussion about what we would like to share. We don’t share anything that is even remotely private,” she said.

“It’s stuff that you would share on Facebook or something like that.”

Arpan Rai, *independent.co.uk*, October 2025

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Extrait – Article de *sportanddev.org*

Social media bans won't save our children:

But doing nothing will fail them

Australia has moved toward restrictions on under-16s. Several European countries are exploring similar ideas.

The message is clear: *the world knows something must change*. However, the real challenge is understanding what kind of change will actually protect young people.

The public debate has often been framed as a simple choice: either ban social media for young people or leave things as they are. Both positions miss the point. A blanket ban may sound decisive, but young people do not live their lives in isolation from technology. […]

At the same time, pretending that social media is harmless is equally unrealistic. […] This is not simply a technology issue; *it is a youth wellbeing issue*.

In too many communities, the digital world has replaced the social world. […] Above all, we must recognise that the wellbeing of young people is shaped by the environments we build around them. If the only environment we leave them is the digital one, then social media will continue to dominate their lives.

A call to action

The conversation about banning social media for children has opened an important door but the real opportunity lies beyond the ban itself. This moment should challenge governments, communities and institutions to rethink how we support young people in the 21st century.

Investing in youth development, community spaces, sport, culture and education is not a nostalgic idea. It is a practical strategy for building healthier, more resilient generations, because when young people have strong communities around them, they are far better equipped to navigate the digital world within them.

The future of our young people will not be decided by algorithms. It will be decided by the choices we make as a society today.

Geoff Thompson MBE FRSA DL QP JM, Founder and Chair, *sportanddev.org*, 2026.