

HUMAN RIGHTS AND TECHNOLOGY PROJECT SUBMISSION NO. 1 – RYAN BRYER

Hi I have some questions,

How do we make sure people with disability and mental illness are not isolated due to technology and economic barriers? E.g. a person with a disability may not be able to physically operate a device, tablet or computer.

Or another example is a person with a mental illness could be struggling financially due to not being able to keep a regular job and may even end up on the streets and there for not have the money to access technology which in future may end up being the only way to access welfare or support from a non-profit.

Under NDIS technology is a must for Non-profit organisations to help them remain viable due to the tight margins with the new funding model, I have a concern that people with disability and mental illness might not be able to access support without technology.

Another question is how do we prevent people from taking advantage of a person with disability or mental illness through the use of technology. E.g a person with a disability has no other close family members in their lives and paid support might be their only option, there is a potential for a person to transfer money from a person with disabilities bank via internet banking, a person to send an email or access social media accounts that belong to the person with disability without permission.

How do we protect the person with disability?

Last question:

Artificial intelligence also as we have just seen with Centrelink does not take on a human prospective and does not use compassion or fully understand a person's circumstances. e.g It could be a mother and her children stuck in a domestic violence situation, technically the mother is married so she may not be able to access welfare, artificial intelligence would be black and white and just say no to accessing welfare, where as a person behind the desk at Centrelink would see the bruises or any injuries on the mother and hopefully would have compassion and allow the mother to claim some benefits so herself and her kids would be kept safe.

Kind regards

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