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Dear Commissioner Santow

Re: White Paper on Artificial Intelligence and draft recommendations around responsible innovation

I am writing in relation to your call for submissions to inform the White Paper on Artificial Intelligence: governance and leadership, produced with the World Economic Forum along with your draft recommendations for ensuring responsible innovation in Australia.

Whilst I am not in a position to provide a submission at this time, but wish to express interest in being part of this conversation.

I am doing work across this space and expect to be able to provide valuable contributions from the voices of young people in due course.

During my 2017 Listening Tour, I asked children from all across South Australia what was most important to them. In response to these voices, one of the CCYP's focus areas is to **engage and empower young digital citizens**: all children and young people in SA should be able to engage with the digital world, access its benefits equally, be digitally included and have their rights protected.

Here's a snapshot of some of the work we are currently engaged with, or looking to undertake:

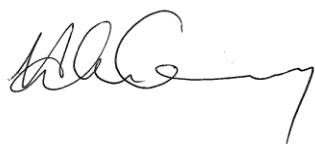
1. One of the Commissioner's 'Front and Centre' agenda aims is to empower young digital citizens via a variety of mechanisms including the ongoing annual Commissioner's Digital Challenge which was introduced in January 2019. With more than 100 schools already taking part around the state and libraries and community groups involved, this Challenge is designed to evolve over the years with 2021's challenge looking at how young people can use systems thinking to overcome the issue of unintended bias when building Artificial Intelligence.
2. The CCYP will be working with young people to inform a framework to translate human rights to the digital space for children. The framework will be about increasing young users' awareness and powers in their digital world, with particular focus anticipated around the right of young users to remove what they post and their right to know what their data is being used for.
3. The CCYP is exploring the possibility of partnering with Women in Innovation's Winnovation Awards, to create a child-led award for corporations respecting the human rights of young people in the digital space.

4. The CCYP will soon commence face to face consultations with a focus group of 14-17 year olds, around the most pressing issues they identify concerning internet safety, and will be working with the Department of Premier and Cabinet's ICT and Digital Government to engage innovators and entrepreneurs, to create and implement practical solutions to those issues young people vote as most important.
5. Throughout all initiatives, the CCYP is looking to raise awareness around healthy internet use with parents, carers and families via the promotion of active shared family screen time.

I would therefore be grateful to be notified of any significant developments across this area and am keen to share my findings and outcomes with your office in due course.

Many thanks and best regards.

Yours sincerely



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A free digital challenge for children in South Australia

