

Digital IDs are dangerous.

1. We do not want a system like China. Digital IDs give the government access to our private information - purchases, whereabouts, etc.. Tracking us without our consent and knowledge. This could lead to social credit score systems, punishing us for private purchases, such as meat because it produces "too much carbon". Digital IDs are the perfect tool for an authoritarian government - to exploit and abuse people.

2. Centralised Digital IDs are security hazards -- with hacking becoming more common and sophisticated, what is stopping hackers from accessing potentially millions of people's data, selling that data, and ruining many, many people's lives? If hackers know there is a single place where the digital IDs of millions of people are stored, they stop at nothing to access it. We know there have been successful cyber attacks against the Australian Government in the past and it will happen again.

3. If Digital IDs are introduced, they should not be mandatory. Ever. There should be laws in place that prevent any present or future government from forcing everyone to have a digital ID. Nowadays, many people (often elderly) who have trouble with technology would be unable to comprehend how Digital ID works. And others simply don't want to have Digital ID, though they might cope with the technology.

4. Digital IDs could lead to a government selling people's data to companies for ad targeting. Although it might not happen now, there's a scary potential for it. People could be sold as commodities to companies who only care about making a profit, a grave violation of human rights.