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Subject: RE: Angry porn people and the LGBTQI+ community [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Your quotes in the article were perfect btw – so what’s good is that your messaging is perfect (no surprises). So anyone reading beyond the headline is going to get the right idea.

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Thanks, I have raised with [REDACTED] and she wasn’t really aware so I did ask her to put her mind to this. I suspect it will blow over in the next few days but I don’t want any of this to undermine the good work you are doing. This is a good lesson for the due diligence that needs to be done through the invitations process – I hadn’t heard of NCOSE but they indicated they had an audience of 40K so it seemed like a good opportunity to get the word out about our model – and that was largely a focus on CSEM. But yes, all a cautionary tale...

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Hi Julie

I just saw the article in the media clips. I definitely think you are right - that this is a little of the ‘new normal’ and we are going to have to brace for more of this as we speak out on challenging issues.

I also think we have to be super careful who we speak to with this sort of work. Some orgs will do great work in a particular area but might have a bigger agenda at play.

NCOSE as an example, do have a strong religious background (they don’t try to hide this <https://endsexualexploitation.org/about/history/>) and while they are doing great work to protect children they are also push for many other changes like no adult content channels in hotel rooms / they lobby conference centres and

hotels to try and block and stop Sexpos and there was also sensitivity when they tried to remove access to LGBTIQ+ content from school computers. (All in the USA)

They are anti (all) porn / adult material. So this feeds into that narrative that we have discussed earlier - that some sectors of the community (most notably the LGBTIQ+ community) are very distrustful of the government and feel that eSafety's new powers are a bit of a trojan horse to silence their voices and or consensual or positive porn.

I would get advice from [REDACTED] and her team but my thoughts are let this slide to the keeper. If we do get approached for an interview or comment we have a great story to tell but there are some groups that no matter how we engage, we are not going to shift their opinion.

We are still pushing for the print articles in the Sydney Star and Melbourne Star Observers so I will chase those up.

[REDACTED] I am not sure if you have any other thoughts?

Julie – always happy to chat if you want to talk about it further.

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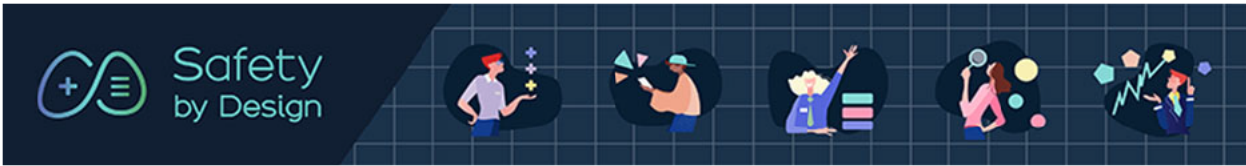
[REDACTED] – If you haven't had the pleasure of being on Twitter today – there are some US-based porn people spreading a fair amount of misinformation about a podcast interview I did around preventing CSAM and there may have been some discussion around age verification and the like. The organisation in NCOSE and I don't think they are a religiously based organisation but the porn industry obviously has some beef with them. So, one of the guys is calling on the media to ask if I oppose LGBTIQ+ education, which is kind of ridiculous but I wanted to make you aware in the event anyone in the community questioned or said anything to you. Perhaps we should retweet the JOY FM interview or the materials we have now.

This may be our “new normal” now that we have been thrown in the midst of the “porn wars....” But I wanted you to be aware from the stakeholder perspective. Suggestions welcomed!

<https://twitter.com/GustavoTurnerX/status/1440344356993462301?s=20>

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