



eSafety Commissioner

2025 – 2026 Supplementary Budget Estimates – October 2025

Environment and Communications

08: KEY ISSUES BRIEF: Age Assurance Trial

Talking Points

- eSafety welcomes the findings from the independent Age Assurance Technology Trial.
- A trial to examine the use of age assurance technologies in an Australian context was a recommendation in eSafety's Age Verification Roadmap report in 2023.
- The trial was not specific to any policy or regulatory regime. The findings of the trial are one of several inputs we considered in developing the regulatory guidance for the Social Media Minimum Age and implementation of other regulatory schemes.
- The trial is not a ranking or approval exercise – eSafety will not expect that platforms must use the technologies included in the trial, and use of those technologies will not necessarily mean platforms are compliant.

Key Issues

What have we learned from the trial?

- The trial establishes that age assurance technology can be used in the Australian context.
 - It is important to note that the trial looks at age assurance for a **range of ages and a range of purposes**. It is not specific to SMMA or eSafety's other regulatory regimes.
- The trial affirms our view that there **is not one silver bullet solution** – age assurance technologies need to be tailored and implemented with care in each context.
- The trial also identified where age assurance technology and processes can be improved. For example - making them easier to use, bettering certain policies and practices, and identifying evolving threats to security.
 - The trial identified that in the absence of guidance, providers were over anticipating needs of regulators and retaining data unnecessarily.
 - Our regulatory guidance has been clear that we are examining systems and processes, not individual accounts.
 - We have encouraged platforms to carefully consider our guidance, and that of the OAIC, among their obligations under the Privacy Act when designing and implementing any measures.
- We considered the findings of the trial, along with other sources of evidence, research and consultation, when developing our reasonable steps guidelines under the SMMA. The results

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outline what is technically feasible and commercially available - which informs our understanding of what is reasonable.

- We have also drawn on the concepts and definitions of different methods used in the trial report. These are aligned with the draft ISO standard and help us maintain consistency and coherence with industry and international approaches.

What doesn't the trial do?

- The results of the trial will **not tell** us or industry exactly what technologies they must use, nor is it a certification process for approving technologies for use.
- The **report does not endorse certain types of technology**, nor does it determine whether age assurance technology should be implemented or mandated in specific contexts.

Background / Difficult Questions

How independent was the trial?

- The trial was **independently run and administered by the Age Check Certification Scheme** and funded by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Regional Development, Communication, Sport and the Arts (Department).
- It was not led or administered by eSafety.
 - ACCS are an existing accredited conformity assessment body (under ISO/IEC 17065). This means there is a mechanism for safeguarding impartiality, through their independent impartiality panel.
 - The structure of all parties' involvement has been transparently reported on the trial website.

What was eSafety's role in the trial?

- eSafety is a member of the **Age Assurance Cross-Government Working Group**, led by the Department. This group supported work to develop an age assurance trial by advising on an Implementation Plan, and developing an agreed privacy and security criteria to assess age assurance technologies in Australia
- eSafety and the trial provider have a formal **Memorandum of Understanding** in place to provide governance around sharing of information. This ensures and respects the independence of the trial and that of eSafety as a regulator. This allowed eSafety to share insights from our previous work and research on age assurance in Australia with the trial provider. This also allowed the trial providers to provide updates to eSafety on the progress of the trial
- eSafety has attended **Stakeholder Advisory Board meetings** as an observer
- eSafety has had the opportunity to provide **feedback** to the trial provider and was consulted during the development of the evaluation proposal, which is available on the trial website.

Stakeholder Advisory Board withdrawals

- The administration of the trial was a matter for the ACCS and the Department.
- A large amount of material from the trial has now been published for the public's consideration, including datasets relating to testing.

Accuracy reporting

- We are aware of ongoing concerns about the accuracy of certain technologies, and in particular the use of facial age estimation for younger users close to the threshold age of 16. This is a known and expected finding.
- No method is 100% effective – and eSafety has often said that age assurance plays a role but is **not a silver bullet** for online safety issues.
- As with many technologies, there are varied approaches and efficacies based on different companies and circumstances.
- Our regulatory guidance was informed by the findings of the trial. Our guidance acknowledges that there are limitations of age assurance methods, especially at certain threshold ages.
 - We include guidance for industry on what they should do to mitigate the risks of unfair impacts from age assurance technology. We also encourage the use of age assurance in a layered and proportionate way, to mitigate against a single point of failure.

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Cheers,
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Best Regards



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Dear Julie,

I am pleased to be able to send you the final reports of the Age Assurance Technology Trial. These have been formally submitted this week to Communications Minister Wells with the attached covering letter.

We understand from the Minister's Office that she plans to publish them as soon as possible and, in any event, during August. It could be as soon as this coming week, but we do not yet have a firm date from her office.

Your office can access the 10 Reports on the [AATT Share Folder - eSafety](#). Please do let me know if any of your team have any difficulties accessing the folder. The reports will be published to the AATT website at www.ageassurance.com.au when we have a date and time from the Minister's Office. This will be accompanied by all of the Practice Statements, Privacy Policies, Vendor Interviews, Test Reports and Data Tables. For your advance information, we have also included all of these in the above share folder.

I have been enormously grateful for the careful and considered contribution from your office and the team you have had engaging with the Trial process.

Although I may not be present for the publication (Ministerial timetables), I will be back in Australia very shortly and I would be pleased to come and meet with you and the team. We can discuss the reports, but also the what's next. I am keen to provide whatever assistance we can with the somewhat substantial task you now have in operationalising all of this.

It goes without saying that the attached remains under embargo until released by the Minister.

Best Regards

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Thanks s 47F, all very much appreciated. I know this was an absolutely mammoth effort! Well done! Julie

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Hi Julie,

there aren't any fundamental changes, but we have hopefully incorporated all of the comments from your team on earlier drafts.

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Just one last question, s 47F In the final report, are there any major changes or departures from earlier drafts of the report that were incorporated into the final that we should be aware of? If so, flagging what those are and where they sit in the documentation would be very helpful! Julie

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Congratulations s 47F! What a massive and consequential piece of work. Thanks also for continuing to keep open lines of dialogue throughout - and for taking our feedback on-board!

Julie

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I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your team for all of your constructive feedback during the Trial. There is plenty more to be done as we operationalise the deployment of age assurance and we'll be in touch with you about that post-publication.

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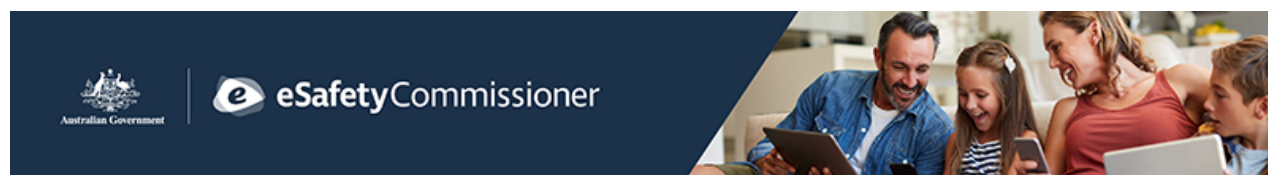
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The Hon Anika Wells
Minister for Communications
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

9th August 2025

Dear Minister,

Please find enclosed the Final Report of the Age Assurance Technology Trial. As you know, the Trial was commissioned by DITRDCSA to evaluate **whether age assurance can be done** in Australia in a way that is accurate, proportionate and privacy-preserving. As an approved conformity assessment body, we conducted the Trial independently, focusing on technology not policy.

We assessed the effectiveness, reliability, usability, privacy and security of age assurance across age verification, age estimation, age inference, successive validation, parental control and parental consent. We also considered where in the technology stack controls would be most effective. This included lab work, school-based field trials and mystery shopping across Australia, as well as independent academic validation and technology readiness assessments. We had particular regard to the risk of bias, including any impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The evidence shows that **age assurance can be done in Australia** privately, efficiently and effectively, with no substantial technological limitations identified. Provider claims were independently validated against the Trial's evaluation criteria. Systems performed broadly consistently across demographic groups, aligned with cyber security good practice and are converging on international standards, though there is scope to improve usability, risk management and interoperability. The Trial also observed a risk of unnecessary data retention in the absence of clear guidance. Together these findings give regulators and industry a strong evidence base to proceed with implementing laws that apply age restrictions online.

We are grateful to the 48 providers who participated across the suite of technologies, and to the schools, parents, young people, mystery shoppers and expert contributors who made the evaluation meaningful at national scale.

I also wish to record my thanks to all those who worked to deliver this project within eight months. The Trial was led by my teams in the UK and in Perth, WA at the Age Check Certification Scheme, in partnership with KJR, an Australian software quality engineering consultancy specialising in software testing and AI implementation. In addition, the consortium



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included leading data science, ethics and age assurance expertise from Illuminate Tech, engagement specialists SafetyTech Limited, consumer research experts Scout Insights in Brisbane, and our creative and web teams at Heartburst in Melbourne and SoJo Creative. I must also acknowledge our legal counsel Lyn Nicholson in Holding Redlich's Sydney office, the independent academic validator Professor Toby Walsh of the University of New South Wales and the Stakeholder Advisory Board chaired by Professor Jon Rouse at Monash University.

We are particularly grateful for the careful supervision from your Office and from the Department team led by Sarah Vandenbroek and Andrew Irwin. This is a project with global significance and I pay tribute to the investment and leadership shown by your Government to commission this work and explore this topic so thoroughly.

I also want to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands and water in Australia and pay respect to the Elders past, present and emerging. We were particularly pleased by the enthusiastic engagement from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the schools and mystery shopping testing phases of our Trial.

Because the Trial used a standards-based approach, it naturally points to the next phase: accreditation of conformity assessment bodies and certification of individual products and implementations against international standards such as ISO/IEC 27566, IEEE 2089.1 and ISO/IEC 25000. This would give the eSafety Commissioner and the OAIC a consistent, cost-effective mechanism to recognise compliant solutions in both functionality and data protection, reduce burden on platforms and create confidence in age assurance for families and businesses. We recommend that you consider a government-led certification programme that audits both products and live deployments against those standards within Australia's existing standards and conformance infrastructure.

We hope this Report provides a robust foundation for Australian regulators as they consider regulatory settings and the standards-based ecosystem required to make the Internet a safer place for children. We would be pleased to brief you and your officials in more detail on any aspect of the trial and on a practical roadmap for an Australian certification programme that audits products and verifies real-world implementations on platforms against international standards, so that compliance can be demonstrated from day one as new regulations come into force.

Yours sincerely,

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Yes, there are a whole range of dynamics here we will need to navigate and that will be a massive week for us. I'll discuss further with the SEB but appreciate your input here – I think you'll be in Gay Paris at this time, in any case! J

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Hi Julie and all

Given the trial is independent/procured by the Government, I'd suggest we may want to remain a bit arm's length rather than hosting. I also wonder whether there is a risk of these meetings running into our launch of the reg guidance in a way that might be confusing or perceived in a negative way. If the stakeholder advisory meeting isn't until the 17th, and they raise a series of concerns which they consider are relevant to subsequent incorporation of the results into our reg guidance, and then our reg guidance goes out the next day, that's probably not a great look.

I think we should meet with ACCS virtually to discuss the findings as soon as the report is released, so that we can incorporate any relevant input into our guidance now ahead of the 18th. I'd also suggest they probably should consider meeting virtually with their stakeholder group ASAP post launch, rather than waiting until the 17th, but that's a matter for them.

Travelling back to Sydney this arvo, but happy to chat.

Thanks!

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Subject: Fw: Summary of Request from s - Age Assurance Technology Trial - Final Report [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi All - I'm not sure hosting the last stakeholder meeting at Meta is the right look (a concern s 47F raised with me) and I wonder if there is availability and room, we could offer to host?

I have yet to respond to s 47F but I just want to confirm that September 18th is the firm date of release for the regulatory guidance - it definitely cannot slip later because we need to give industry adequate time to read and absorb before our visit but if there is going to be more information, stakeholder meetings and a formal announcement, I wonder if we could informally flag key elements of the guidance that week.

Just something to consider - as well as keeping the morning of the reg guidance release clear for interviews and clear media explanation.

Would like everyone's input before I respond to s so we are all on the same page!

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Hi

Just summarising the requests from s (I have highlighted the ones that directly involve us and comments in red). For meetings with the team, just noting that s 22 and s 22 will be on leave that wee.

Let me know if you want me to draft something back:

- **Mon 15 Sep (Sydney):** Team (s 47F, s 47F, s 47F) to meet with s 22 and work on boxing/distribution of printed reports delivered to the Sydney office – **I will organise this.**
- **Tue 16 Sep (Canberra):** Meetings with DITRDCSA, KJR, and an **Age Assurance Tech Policy Briefing** at DITRDCSA (Nishi Building). – FYI
- **Wed 17 Sep (Sydney):**
 - Morning: Final **Stakeholder Advisory Board meeting** at Meta Offices.
 - **Afternoon: Participant's Briefing (13:30–15:00)** — **request to host this at our offices – I can organise this**
 - Late afternoon: **Reception at British Consulate General** s 47F (16:00–17:30); **You are invited to attend but you have the ISD session at 6pm.**
- **Thu 18 Sep (Sydney):** Request for a **formal meeting** - **request for a meeting with you and the team to discuss the AATT Report and Outcomes (you have availability)** . Also coordinating with OAIC.
- **Fri 19 Sep (Melbourne):** **Tech policy roundtable** hosted by UK DBT on age assurance; **the team is welcome to attend.**

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Subject: Age Assurance Technology Trial - Final Report [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Julie,

I am writing to firm up our plans for post-publication engagement events in Australia w/c 15th September. I am offering to meet with you during that week, but I understand that you may be out-of-the-country, so my offer would instead be to meet with your senior staff. I am sure that you and I will get an opportunity to meet at some future occasion. If you are around, it would be good to have a chat.

I thought it would be useful for you and your team to set out our plans for the week.

On Monday 15th September, we would like to come to your offices to meet with s 22 (you may not be aware of this, but we have made arrangements for the printed reports to be delivered to your Sydney offices for safe keeping until we get there - and I'm very grateful to you for that logistical and practical support). On the Monday, my team travelling with me s 47F, s 47F and s 47F) will be working on boxing and distribution of the reports within Australia.

On Tuesday 16th September, we will be in Canberra where, amongst meetings with DITRDCSA, KJR and others, we will be holding an Age Assurance Tech Policy Briefing at the DITRDCSA offices (Nishi Building). This is a briefing aimed at Canberra-based policy professionals ([AU - Canberra - Age Assurance Technology Trial - Research Insights - Sep 16 | RingCentral Events](#)).

On Wednesday 17th September, we will be in Sydney. In the morning, we will be holding the last Stakeholder Advisory Board meeting for the Trial - this will be at the Meta Offices in Sydney CBD. In the afternoon, we will be hosting a Participant's Briefing for any technology providers that have been involved in the trial ([AU - Sydney - Age Assurance Technology Trial - Participant's Briefing - Sep 17 | RingCentral Events](#)). **I wanted to ask, is that something we could possibly host at your offices?** It would be 13:30 - 15:00. If we can't do it at your offices, we could just hire a hotel meeting space somewhere.

Then, I am really delighted, that s 47F
a reception at the Consulate General in Sydney. This is a key part of the UK-AU SafetyTech trade and business opportunities. You are, of course, invited if you are around and s 47F would welcome you saying a few words (this is not a presentation/speech, more a 'welcome, great to be working together, etc'). That will be happening from 16:00 - 17:30 ([AU - Sydney - British Consulate General Reception - Age Assurance Technology - Sep 17 | RingCentral Events](#)).

On Thursday 18th September, we have an opportunity to come to your offices for a more formal meeting with your team about the AATT Report and Outcomes. This would be a chance for your team to grill us on some of the findings and address any clarifications that you may need. **Would your team be available that morning for a meeting?** I also need to meet with OAIC, so just need to coordinate diaries around that.

Then, finally on Friday 19th September, we will be in Melbourne, where the British Department for Business and Trade (DBT) will be hosting a tech policy roundtable on age assurance, aimed at tech providers in the Melbourne area. Again, a member of your team would be welcome to attend that if they are in the area. ([AU - Melbourne - Age Assurance Technology Trial - Insights and Trade Opportunities - Sep 19 | RingCentral Events](#))

After that, we head off for a week of talks and events with your counterparts in New Zealand.

BTW, I don't have a final publication date from the Minister's Office, but from all the discussions that are going on at the moment, I am kind of expecting something over the weekend.

Best Regards

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Hi s 22,

It's great to e-meet you. I'm introducing myself as part of the Age Check Certification Scheme Team that is travelling to Australia next month for the post-publication engagement events.

I will be your point of contact for us coming to the eSafety Offices on Monday 15th September to box up and prepare the reports for circulation, so we will be liaising over that.

I'd also just like to flag that on Wednesday 17th September, the Stakeholder Advisory Board taking place at 11am, will now be held at the eSafety Offices, rather than at Meta. s informed me that your team is aware of this change, but I just wanted to flag this with you.

If you have any questions, do let me know.

Thanks very much.

Best wishes,
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Thank you Julie,

I know that my team are in touch with yours about the Stakeholder Advisory Board meeting. Thank you for agreeing to us holding at your office (if space is available). If we can't find a space, we do have a plan B.

Really excited that the Regulatory Guidance is coming out on 18th. I appreciate that would make it difficult for a meeting on that day. I am in Sydney on 15th, then Canberra on 16th, back to Sydney on 17th & 18th and then Melbourne on 19th. So I can fit around that as needs be.

I hope that the wealth of information in our report will be helpful for you in your regulatory role. It would be helpful to know how we can support that moving forwards. We have been speaking with DITRDSCA, Standards Australia, JAS-ANZ about how we get to the point that you can trust and confidence in individual age assurance solutions through a certification process. It is clear that eSafety are not going to do that themselves (we are told) but we do need to develop the civic infrastructure with an approved scheme/process so that can be picked up by the market.

I'm happy to discuss further.

Best Regards

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Hello s 47F–

I am very sorry for the delay in responding. I was out of the office all last week and am digging out!

By now, you have seen that the results of your report have been released out into the wild! This is important milestone – and another piece of the puzzle – we have a few more to roll out before we release the final regulatory guidance on, you guessed it – September 18th. This date is not yet public so please keep under your hats – but I suspect there will be a lot of media we will need to do on the morning of the 18th so that may not be ideal for a meeting but perhaps later that day.

