

Digital ID Bill Submission

I wish to register my extreme concern about the introduction of a Digital ID.

Where does it stop?

Once upon a time all you needed was a birth certificate or a passport to prove who you are. But then you needed back-up ID, a utilities bill, something with a photo ID, and now secret questions. On top of that, once upon a time a 4 or 6 digit password was OK. But now it has to be 8, 10 or 12 digits long, with uppercase and lowercase, numbers and symbols.

It was all done to presumably 'stop fraud'. All it did was make the fraudsters go the extra miles and load on ordinary people intolerable burdens of proof. All the ID proof hoops you must go through provide the organisations asking for them enough information to impersonate you.

It must stop somewhere, and prior to Digital ID it has to stop.

Trackers

Duck Duck Go told me a few minutes ago that it had stopped 608 trackers already today. That is mind-blowing.

But with a Digital ID that tracking by Government, Government agencies, Banks etc is going to explode to two, three or more times that amount.

Already the tracking we are under, just for visiting a website, is far too much.

Hackers

The bigger the database of personal information, the more delectable the target for hackers. We have seen far too often in recent years the number of large companies and organisations whose files have been hacked for ransom.

A government database with Digital ID is going to be a hacker team's target. No question.

It isn't possible to prevent all hacking scenarios, so we should not offer them such a tempting target.

Disaster Recovery

If you have a Digital ID database, then you are going to have to have a disaster recovery system, either with electronic records or paper records, or both. Wherever that is will become a hacker or terrorist target too.

Elderly and infirm

These ideas of Digital IDs are usually thought up by the younger generations, with little or no thought for the elderly, the infirm, and the mentally impaired. If someone is having trouble operating a mobile phone, or has never owned a mobile phone, a digital ID is quite beyond them.

Potential for punitive agendas

Also of concern is the scope a Digital ID gives a political leader with a punitive agenda. I recall the Canadian truckers, all they did was peacefully protest, yet their bank accounts were frozen.

Personhood

I don't want my life to be reduced to being a QR code or a barcode. That's quite OK for an endangered animal or a cornflake packet - but is NOT OK for a human person.

