



**New Submission to Inquiry into the use of social media in the Assembly and Members reflecting on the Office of the Speaker**

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Honourable Members of Parliament,

I have sat in the public gallery of both houses of the Victorian Parliament and was disappointed to see Members of Parliament casually using their mobile phones without paying attention to and participating in the debate. The citizens of Victoria would expect that MPs would be more conscientious in carrying out their responsibilities and should not need special restrictions on social media use for this to happen.

However, laws currently in place to ensure the conduct of public debate and discussion of matters of community interest should not be laid aside in favour of special restrictions of comment in social media. I urge you not to place additional restriction public comment on the work of the Parliament for the good of our democracy simply because of the medium in which those comments are expressed.

Stephen McDonald.

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