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## **Young People Provide Solutions to Staying Safe Online**

A Report released today by the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) shows that young people are looking to government, family and schools to help keep them safe online.

520 young Tasmanians aged 12-25 years contributed their ideas and solutions on ways to improve online safety through participating in the Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF) statewide consultation and online survey. The findings from this consultation have been developed into a Report.

The Report found that young people want the government to be more proactive in protecting young Tasmanians online. Cyberbullying was identified by young people as their biggest online concern, with 89% of young people indicating that they would support the criminalisation of cyberbullying if it was clearly defined.

YNOT CEO, Ms. Tania Hunt said “Cyberbullying remains a significant concern for young Tasmanians. During the consultation young people identified the need to define cyberbullying to help them understand online boundaries and where to draw the line.”

The Report also found that young people want to see more accountability of individuals and corporations operating in the digital world, greater parental and guardian involvement when young people are online, and the incorporation of peer led online safety training in schools with an emphasis on positive community relationships.

“Young people recognise that staying safe online is everyone’s responsibility and that we all have a role to play in preventing and responding to negative online behavior.” Ms. Hunt said.

The TYF *Your Online Environment* Report Launch will be held in the Reception Room at Parliament House from 1pm to 2pm.

TYF is an initiative of the Youth Network of Tasmania and is funded through the Department of Communities Tasmania.

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