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IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA
SYDNEY REGISTRY

S166/2025

BETWEEN: **REDDIT, INC.**
Plaintiff

10 and

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
First Defendant

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS
Second Defendant

PLAINTIFF’S CHRONOLOGY

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PART I CERTIFICATION

1. This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

PART II LIST OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS LEADING TO THE LITIGATION

Date	Event	References
<i>Events before commencement of the proceeding</i>		
Around Jun 2005	Reddit commenced operation.	SCB 99 [53]
1 Dec 2021	A resolution of appointment was passed by the House of Representatives for an inquiry to be conducted by the House Select Committee on Social Media and Online Safety (House Inquiry).	SCB 92 [14], 220-224

Date	Event	References
Jan 2022	The eSafety Commissioner provided a submission to the House Inquiry.	SCB 92 [15], 225-296
15 Feb 2022	The resolution of appointment of the House Inquiry was amended by the House of Representatives.	SCB 92 [14], 220ff
15 Mar 2022	The report of the House Inquiry was tabled in the House of Representatives.	SCB 92 [16], 307-552
Mar 2023	The eSafety Commissioner published a report titled “Roadmap for age verification and complementary measures to prevent and mitigate harms to children from online pornography”.	SCB 204 [378]
15-16 May 2024	The Joint Select Committee on Social Media and Australian Society (Joint Select Committee) was appointed by resolutions of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Joint Select Committee issued a public call for submissions.	SCB 92 [17]-[17.1]
May 2024	The South Australian Government appointed the former Chief Justice of the High Court, the Hon Robert French AC, to conduct a legal examination into matters including opportunities for legislative or regulatory reform in South Australia relating to children’s access to social media (French Report).	SCB 93 [19]
19 Jun 2024	The eSafety Commissioner determined the <i>Online Safety (Relevant Electronic Services – Class 1A and Class 1B Material) Industry Standard 2024</i> (Cth).	SCB 208 [394]
28 Jun 2024	Due date for submissions to the Joint Select Committee.	SCB 93 [17.2]
Jun – Oct 2024	The Joint Select Committee conducted public hearings receiving evidence from government agencies, industry	SCB 93 [17.3]

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	participants, civil society organisations and experts in child safety, digital platforms and online harms experts.	
8 Sep 2024	The French Report was provided to the Premier of South Australia.	SCB 93-94 [20], 801-1078
10 Sep 2024	The Prime Minister and the then Minister for Communications announced that the Australian Government would introduce legislation before the end of 2024 “to enforce a minimum age for access to social media and other relevant digital platforms”.	SCB 94 [22]-[23]
Oct 2024	The Joint Select Committee tabled an interim report.	SCB 93 [17.4]
31 Oct 2024	Ms Delia Rickard PSM delivered the final report of her statutory review of the <i>Online Safety Act 2021</i> (Cth), in which she recommended the adoption in Australia of a digital duty of care.	SCB 208 [399]
8 Nov 2024	It was announced that the National Cabinet had met and First Ministers agreed to the Commonwealth legislating a minimum age of 16 to access social media.	SCB 95 [24], 1105-1106
13 Nov 2024	In a speech delivered The Sydney Institute, the then Minister for Communications announced that the Australian Government had decided to develop a digital duty of care regulatory model for online platforms.	SCB 209 [400], 2731-2743
18 Nov 2024	The Joint Select Committee’s final report, titled <i>Social media: the good, the bad, and the ugly</i> , was tabled.	SCB 93 [17.5], 553-757
21 Nov 2024	The Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024 (Cth) (Amendment Bill) was introduced into the House of Representatives.	SCB 95 [25]-[26], 1107-1137

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	The Minister for Communications gave the second reading speech for the Amendment Bill.	SCB 95 [26], 1138-1144
	The Amendment Bill was referred to the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (Senate Committee) for inquiry, which called for submissions to be lodged 24 hours later.	SCB 95 [27]
22 Nov 2024	Due date for submissions to the Senate Committee.	SCB 95 [27]
25-26 Nov 2024	The House of Representatives debated the Amendment Bill.	SCB 95 [28]
26 Nov 2024	Due date for the Senate Committee to report.	SCB 95 [27]
27 Nov 2024	The House of Representatives passed the Amendment Bill.	SCB 95 [29]
	The Amendment Bill was introduced into the Senate and read for the first time.	SCB 95 [30]
28 Nov 2024	The Senate passed the Amendment Bill with amendments.	SCB 95 [31]
29 Nov 2024	The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate's amendments to the Amendment Bill.	SCB 96 [32], 1145-1152
10 Dec 2024	The Amendment Bill received Royal Assent.	SCB 96 [33]
11 Dec 2024	The <i>Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024</i> (Cth) commenced.	SCB 96 [34]
19 Jun 2025	The eSafety Commissioner gave advice to the Minister for Communications under s 63C(7) of the Act.	SCB 97 [39], 1169-1186
29 Jul 2025	The Minister for Communications specified 10 December 2025 as the day s 63D of the Act would take effect.	SCB 96 [35]

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	The Minister for Communications made the <i>Online Safety (Age-Restricted Social Media Platforms) Rules 2025</i> (Cth).	SCB 96-97 [36]-[38], 1153-1168
Aug 2025	The Age Check Certification Scheme produced a report entitled the “Age Assurance Technology Trial”, funded by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts.	SCB 204 [379], 2243-2376
9 Sep 2025	The eSafety Commissioner registered the Relevant Electronic Services Online Safety Code (Class 1C and Class 2 Material).	SCB 208 [396]
4 Nov 2025	The eSafety Commissioner issued a media release indicating that the Commissioner had informed the providers of Facebook, Instagram, Threads, Snapchat, X, TikTok, YouTube, Kick and Reddit that those platforms were, as at that date, “age-restricted social media platforms” within the meaning of s 63C.	SCB 97 [41]
14 Nov 2025	The Department opened an online consultation process for the proposed digital duty of care.	SCB 209 [401]
21 Nov 2025	The eSafety Commissioner published a non-exhaustive list identifying the electronic services it considered met the definition in s 63C (as at that date), which were the same as those included in the media release and Twitch.	SCB 97-98 [42]
7 Dec 2025	The Department’s online consultation process for the proposed digital duty of care closed.	SCB 209 [401]
10 Dec 2025	Section 63D of the Act took effect.	SCB 96 [35]
<i>Commencement of the proceeding and subsequent events</i>		
10 Dec 2025 – 1 Mar 2026	Reddit suspended 43,962 Australian accounts identified as belonging to children under 16.	SCB 98 [47]

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12 Dec 2025	Reddit commenced the proceeding by filing an application for a constitutional or other writ.	N/A
12 Jan 2026	Meta reported that, between 4 and 11 December 2025, it removed access to 330,639 Instagram accounts, 173,497 Facebook accounts and 39,916 Threads accounts identified as being held by users under 16.	SCB 98 [48]
Late Jan 2026	Snap Inc. reported that it had locked or disabled over 415,000 Snapchat accounts in Australia belonging to users who declared being under 16 or were believed to be under 16.	SCB 99 [49]
Mar 2026	The eSafety Commissioner published the <i>Social Media Minimum Age: Compliance Update</i> .	SCB 99 [50], 1187-1204
25 Mar 2026	The Minister for Communications made the <i>Online Safety (Age-Restricted Social Media Platforms) Amendment Rules 2026</i> (Cth).	SCB 97 [40]
5 May 2026	The eSafety Commissioner was interviewed by <i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i> in relation to, among other things, the social media minimum age scheme.	SCB 207 [391], 2492-2502
26 May 2026	The Department published an issues paper on the digital duty of care.	SCB 209 [402], 2744-2754

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