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Senator Parry to join Coalition Online Safety Working Group

Senator Stephen Parry, Liberal Senator for Tasmania and Deputy President of the Senate, has been appointed to the Coalition's Online Safety Working Group, as announced today by The Leader of the Opposition, Tony Abbott MHR.

Senator Parry, a former police officer and advocate for online safety, said the primary goal of the new Group would be to identify ways that parents, carers and teachers can better protect children and young people from the risks associated with the internet and social media.

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to work on this important project. Parents, carers and teachers need to be assisted in their work of protecting our children and young people against bullying and illegal and inappropriate content," Senator Parry said.

"While there have been a number of previous reviews into online safety, the risks remain and there are areas worthy of further exploration.

"In the course of undertaking the review, the Working Group will host roundtables and community forums across Australia to garner input from stakeholders. The first of these will be held in Tasmania at the end of February."

The Online Safety Working group will report back to Mr Abbott by mid 2012, with the findings to inform future Coalition policies.

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Senator Parry is a member of the Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity and is a former Tasmanian police officer.

The Terms of Reference for the Group are attached.

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