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INTERNET FILTER DELAY “A VICTORY FOR COMMON SENSE”

The decision by the Rudd government to at least "delay" legislation to introduce internet filtering was a victory for common sense, Queensland Liberal Senator Sue Boyce said today.

Senator Boyce said the government should have the courage and honesty to simply say that it now realised that this expensive so-called filter idea was worse than useless.

"Every independent expert agrees that trying to stop access to child pornography and other internet sites promoting terrorist, deviant and other disgusting material with this filter simply won't work," Senator Boyce said.

"Even worse, if it did happen, it would lull parents into a false sense of security and cause them to believe that their children were being protected. The Communications Minister Senator Conroy must now act responsibly and stop his over-the-top spin about how effective his proposed filter would be," she said.

Senator Boyce said the internet filtering idea had been a cheap populist political promise by the Labor Party before the 2007 election along with FuelWatch and GroceryWatch.

"And we all know what happened to the last two – the Rudd government had to finally admit that they couldn't and wouldn't ever work and had to be dumped," she said.

"For once, we should all be grateful that Prime Minister Rudd is all talk and no action."

"Everybody from civil libertarians concerned about free speech and businesses concerned about how this proposed filter would slow down the internet will be breathing at least a small sigh of relief."

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