

Response from Rob Stott, Editorial Director, Junkee Media:

Facebook's decision will have a significant negative impact on the news literacy of young Australians.

For over a decade, millions of young Australians have found their news and information through social media. It is highly unlikely that a significant proportion of these young readers will migrate to directly accessing Junkee or other publishers if their current methods of accessing information are closed off. They would not find news elsewhere; they would simply stop reading news.

This will have a potentially devastating impact on young Australians' understanding of the world around them in a period when access to accurate and reliable information is more important than ever.