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## **Privacy Commissioner welcomes NetSafe as new HDCA agency**

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Privacy Commissioner John Edwards has welcomed the Government's announcement today of NetSafe as the Approved Agency appointed under the Harmful Digital Communications Act.

Mr Edwards says establishing an agency to resolve complaints about harmful digital communications is an important step in helping people who are the victims of unacceptable online conduct.

"I'd like to congratulate NetSafe for being appointed the independent body that will provide a quick and efficient way for victims to seek help from cyber-bullying, revenge porn and other harmful online behaviours."

"I'm pleased to see the law coming into effect to deliver real remedies to vulnerable people," said Mr Edwards.

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Note: For further information about the Harmful Digital Communications Act, see <http://www.justice.govt.nz/policy/criminal-justice/harmful-digital-communications>

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