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Hi team, just a note that while we have these major disputes ongoing with X, I am locking the comments on all new posts on X (not just the ones that relate to the legal proceedings). We were regularly seeing comments on our posts 'bombed', sometimes with cyber abuse that has been reported to us or class 1 materials, and have limited moderation tools (let alone capacity) to manage these. People can still send us a private message if they have genuine questions, and repost on their own accounts if they have opinions about our posts that they want to air. Please let me know if anyone has any concerns with this approach, otherwise we can review at a future time when things have hopefully settled.



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It's a good approach, thanks s 22



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***Why has eSafety turned off the ability to comment on its posts on X? Isn't this another case of shutting down free speech?***

- Recently we have seen an increase in some X users using comments on our posts to post screenshots of adult cyber abuse material, or post extreme violent class 1 material. [Examples available]
- We have therefore made the decision to restrict comments on our posts, limiting the spread of this material until we assess the risk has decreased.
- Users can still send us direct messages if they have questions or share their views with followers using the re-post function.