

I watched the debates leading up to the digital economy bill and was upset by how rushed and uninformed the debate seemed to be.

There are still serious issues with this bill, not least the effect that it will have on public wifi. Many friends of mine run local businesses e.g. cafes that rely in part on the provision of wifi to customers. This bill will unfairly target them and likely cause them to remove the service.

In addition, I have concerns over the impact that the removal of internet access would have on the education of 10-20 year olds.

I have had a successful career as a software and web developer thanks to my keen interest in computers since I was young. The internet provided a vital role in creating the passion I have for technology, while allowing me to learn a trade that eventually became my profession.

We need to ensure that any steps that could reduce internet access to those in need of it are taken with extreme caution - not drastically rushed through the wash up of parliament.