

NO2ID petition against ID cards and the database state

We, the undersigned residents of the United Kingdom, petition the Prime Minister and the government to immediately cease all further development of, and legislation for, national ID cards and the National Identity Register.

We believe the proposals constitute an attack on individual rights and freedoms.

We believe they will lead to institutional discrimination and to unfair and unlawful denial of benefits and services.

We believe the proposals will lead to an

increase in state control and surveillance over the individual, and that they will create an unacceptable imposition on every citizen.

We believe the proposals are unlawful under the principles of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) that guarantee every person the fundamental right to privacy.

We believe the identity scheme proposals will lead to an endemic loss of privacy and freedoms.

We believe they will present dangers to

marginalised, disenfranchised and disadvantaged people. We also believe that an identity scheme will imperil the relations between citizen and state.

Furthermore, we believe that even if these principled concerns had been fully addressed, that the government's proposals would still constitute an enormous waste of financial resources and would achieve little or no tangible benefits.

For these reasons we urge the government to fully abandon the proposals.

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