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Scam targets Do Not Call Register

Consumers need to be aware of unscrupulous telemarketers offering to list private phone numbers on the Do Not Call Register for an unwarranted fee, Federal Chisholm MP Anna Burke said today.

Ms Burke is warning the public not to provide any personal identification or financial details to telemarketers making these calls.

“The Federal Government provides the Do Not Call Register as a free service to consumers – there is no need to pay for it,” Ms Burke said.

“Consumers should report any telemarketers offering to list their number on the Do Not Call Register as it’s likely to be a scam.”

The Australian Communications and Media Authority was alerted to the issue when telemarketers called people whose numbers were already listed on the Register.

“Registrations for the Do Not Call Register last for five years,” Ms Burke said.

“Registering your number is an easy process – simply call 1300 792 958 or go to www.donotcall.gov.au.”

“The Do Not Call Register was established in 2007 and has proved extremely successful in protecting households from nuisance phone calls; we’ve seen a 60 percent reduction in complaints about the telemarketing industry,” Ms Burke said.

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