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92050 Demonstrate understanding of decisions made in relation to a contemporary social issue

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SAMPLE ASSESSMENT

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Demonstrate understanding of decisions made in relation to a contemporary social issue.	Explain decisions made in relation to a contemporary social issue.	Examine decisions made in relation to a contemporary social issue.

This is an example of the first part of a multi-part assessment task. The accompanying resource material would be provided in a separate resource booklet.

ASSESSMENT TASK

- (a) Identify and describe ONE decision made in relation to **social media** and the ethical considerations that shaped the decision.

RESOURCE

Relevant ethical considerations

Freedom of speech	A principle valuing the rights of individuals to express their thoughts, opinions, and ideas without fear of being censored or punished.
Media social responsibility	A theory suggesting media companies (including social media companies) should be responsible for how information / content on their platforms affects society.

Supermarkets team up with local food banks to boost kai stocks

Stuff, New Zealand's biggest independently owned news business, will stop sharing content to X (formerly Twitter), effective immediately.

Stuff CEO Laura Maxwell said: "When Stuff returned to New Zealand ownership in 2020, we set growth in public trust as our key measure of success. ... As a business we have made the decision that X, formerly known as Twitter, does not contribute to our mission. We are increasingly concerned about the volume of mis- and dis-information being shared on the platform, and the damaging behaviours we have observed, and experienced.

Twitter, formerly X, has been plagued by misinformation for some time – with false claims about Covid-19, the Covid-19 vaccine, and the 2020 US election gaining significant amplification.

Billionaire Elon Musk purchased the platform [in 2022] and enabled a number of significant changes to how the site operates, including cuts in moderation and replacing verified accounts with paid subscriptions.

Sources (adapted): <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/300988705/stuff-group-withdraws-from-x-formerly-twitter>