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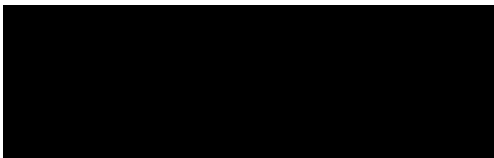
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Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023.

- Always will be lies and deceptions in ANY society.
- Paramount in a free society are the means to Free speech and argument to counteract.
- Truth will prevail **not** from a Government appointed arbiter and more regulations, but by non-interference.
- It is NOT the roll of any government or entity to interfere with free speech – irrespective if “offense” might be caused.
- Establishing a so called “*eSafety Commissioner*,” and inevitably a large, expensive supporting bureaucracy to be the truth arbiter ... is both dangerous* and utterly biased.
- In public circles, any anointed truth can result only after censorship.
- In government at ALL levels, the same processes and penalties must apply to politicians and Bureaucrats to always be wholly truthful without omission.
- Same for mainstream media, but must NOT be applied to the carriers of public discourse, as they supply the vehicle, but not responsible for how it is used.
- If that principle of equality is not applied, then this entire effort must be terminated.
- Therefore, if this assault on liberty is to proceed, will the same scrutiny and censorship (and with severest of penalties) be applied to the professional liars and manipulators – Politicians and Bureaucrats and Mainstream Media?



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