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## **New ACMA powers to combat misinformation and disinformation Bill**

I wish to make strong representation in relation to the proposed New ACMA powers to combat misinformation and disinformation Bill. This Bill must **NOT** proceed in any way, shape or form.

Freedom of speech is a fundamental right that must not be watered down or removed for a multitude of reasons, not the least to ensure that a tyrannical government or group of individuals can use censorship of opinions to crush dissent, in order to create a dystopian Communist regime against the will of the people. Australia has been a democratic country up until now and that is how it should remain.

The Australian population are intelligent enough to be able to listen to opinions and determine for themselves if those opinions are either correct or disinformation or misinformation without government interference.

When governments pressure social media sites to censor what they don't like, as has been evidenced throughout the Pandemic, this is clearly a violation of our civil rights and does actually place us all in harm. I for one of very many, would prefer to take advice on health issues from extremely well respected doctors like Peter McCulloch, rather than discredited government officials, politicians and bureaucrats.

Dr Peter McCulloch along with many other well respected doctors, were censored throughout the Pandemic, which in my opinion led to the unnecessary deaths and vaccine injuries suffered by hundreds of thousands of people across the globe. Had these wise doctors been allowed to provide the information that they had without being censored, then I have no doubt a very large percentage of those deaths and injuries could have been avoided.

My understanding of the use of Emergency Powers for vaccines can only be implemented if there is no alternative treatments. Well clearly there were and are treatments beside the so called "vaccines" that didn't work. Hundreds of thousands of Australians were coerced to take the vaccine or lose their jobs and it is my opinion that everyone responsible for these mandates and coercion must be held accountable Nuremburg style. No doubt no politician, bureaucrat or other government official involved in these mandates and or coercion, would want my opinion to be publicised for fear that they may very well one day actually be held to account.

It is again my understanding that the proposed powers for ACMA do not include accountability for government under the same rules. Rules for them but not for me it seems!

It has become extremely clear that our government, many politicians and bureaucrats can not be trusted to provide factual, honest and unbiased information to the Australian public.

Who under the proposed ACMA powers is to determine what is misinformation and disinformation? That is not a transferrable task to any organisation or individual who may be running their or their dystopian governments agenda, it is our God given, fundamental right to make those determinations ourselves, from information that we should have ready access to.

The "Voice" is yet another example of government over reach in pushing their agenda while refusing to provide the detail all Australians should have access to, in order to make an informed decision. We are being asked to "trust the government". You have got to be joking!

If any protection from harm from online information is necessary, it is protection from government misinformation that is required. Threatening social media companies and Australian citizens with massive fines for misinformation or disinformation is a massive step towards totalitarianism. If this is what the Australian Labor Government is wanting, then they should be open, honest and transparent about it, so that the Australian people can make an informed decision as to whether or not they want to tolerate this type of dictatorship into the future.

Although I have expressed distrust for politicians, there are still a few that I believe are honest, trustworthy and display integrity, however they are the minority. I hope and pray that these honest, trustworthy politicians, with the help of honest, trustworthy Australians are able to bring what I see as an out of control dystopian government back to the democracy, I believe most Australians wish for.

For those interested I recommend you obtain and read a copy of the book "Australia's Secret War" by Hal G.P. Colebatch. This will give you an insight into what most Australians would have no idea was going on within our Australian ports during World War II and will enlighten you to the insidious actions of communist elements that worked against our fathers and grandfathers fighting so bravely for our freedom.

On a final note I will do everything I can to ensure as many Australians are aware of what is being proposed and the extreme dangers of that draconian Bill being passed, to allow them the opportunity to have their say before it is too late. It is a pity that the Australian government is not doing the same i.e. letting the Australian public know what is being proposed and providing easy access to the Have your say site.

<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say/new-acma-powers-combat-misinformation-and-disinformation>

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