

## **SUBMISSION IN REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED ACMA POWERS TO COMBAT MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION.**

The Minister for Communications, Ms Michelle Rowland,

Dear Ms Rowland

I am writing to you to express my deep concern for the above proposed Legislation.

I am a proud citizen of Australia and along with my family and friends I was concerned when I read of the Federal Government's intention to erode my rights to express my opinion on social media and related online sites.

First of all, the terms 'Misinformation and Disinformation'...what precisely does that mean? I assume it is designed and intended to shut down public comment on various subjects that affect my life and the lives of millions of Australians. As a tax paying member of the community, I am disgusted that I potentially have to pause and consider expressing an opinion publicly in a concise and logical manner.

I am an educated person and do not just 'fly off the handle' on a subject. I always ensure I have read information provided, looked at reasons for its implementation/publication and then expressed an opinion.

To be told that the government is potentially implementing a 'gag' on me so I can no longer do this is an infringement on my rights as a citizen. We are heading towards a totalitarian state and 'big brother' is watching. As if it wasn't bad enough that during the Government imposed mandates during COVID I lost my job because I made a choice on what I injected into my body, NOW I am being told I can no longer express an informed opinion on an issue I feel strongly about. Furthermore, I am disgusted that the policy intended will make the government exempt from any penalty.

I'm sorry, but the last time I was told 'Do what I say not what I do' was when I was 6 years of age. When are we going to be treated in the words of our National Anthem 'One and Free' and not treated like children under instruction by a dictatorship?

In closing, please consider my submission and feel free to email me to ask any questions or request further submission.

Regards

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