

To the Australian Government,

I am against the following proposed powers because granting them will allow the ACMA to force digital platforms to silence points of views that aren't favoured by the ACMA, curbing the right of free speech of the common people. Such power is undue in a democratic society because the ACMA, being a government agency, has no right to decide whether something is 'misinformation' or 'disinformation' on behalf of the people; it is ultimately up to the people to practice discernment and decide for themselves. The following powers should not be granted to the ACMA:

- enable the ACMA to request industry develop a code of practice covering measures to combat misinformation and disinformation on digital platforms, which the ACMA could register and enforce
- allow the ACMA to create and enforce an industry standard (a stronger form of regulation), should a code of practice be deemed ineffective in combatting misinformation and disinformation on digital platforms.

Sincerely,

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