

Unfortunately we live in a country right now where Australians are afraid to speak freely. Afraid of having an open dialog or debate, afraid of losing their jobs, or being cancelled or accused of a crime for something that wasn't considered a crime a few years ago. Criminalising free speech, no matter how horrible that speech might be, is wrong. Free speech must be protected by our democracy. Without free speech we are no longer a democracy but a country that lives under a tyranny.

Having a government trying to control what we are allowed to see or say under the guise of protecting us from the so-called misinformation or disinformation is not democratic. A government that appoints itself (or a designated third party) as the sole authority and voice of truth of information is not new, it has been practised in many countries over history under communism, fascism and totalitarian regimes.

We don't need to be protected by our government, we are not stupid, we are adults capable of making decisions about what is best for us and to discern what we consider right or wrong.

NO, we don't need a Ministry of Truth, NO, we don't want unelected bureaucrats to control, manipulate or manage in any form the information Australians have the right to access.