

Freedom of Speech

I am writing in regard to the proposed legislation to remove freedom of speech from the Australian people. Freedom of speech is an essential element of a democratic society.

I understand that freedom of speech must have some restrictions on the like of "hate speech", etc, however so-called misinformation and disinformation does not fall into this category. Debate on a variety of issues concerning the public is essential.

One of my concerns is who is going to decide what is mis/disinformation. This will likely be a matter of personnel beliefs or from government directives and have nothing to do with the facts or truth. Much like the present day "fact checkers".

I believe, if this undemocratic legislation is passed, it will be abused by the government and its agencies. As we know most of the mis/disinformation over the last few years has come from the government, its agencies and the main stream media.