

I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed Disinformation Bill, which has recently come to my attention.

One of the key concerns with this bill is its potential to stifle free speech and limit the expression of dissenting opinions.

The proposed bill raises concerns about the potential for government overreach and abuse of power. Granting authorities the ability to take down online content, block websites, or impose hefty fines without sufficient oversight or checks and balances could lead to a chilling effect on free expression. It is crucial to strike a balance between addressing the challenges of disinformation and preserving the principles of democracy, ensuring that power remains with the people rather than concentrated in the hands of a few.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to consider the broader implications of the Disinformation Bill and its potential impact on our democracy. I kindly request that you advocate for a more balanced and nuanced approach that safeguards free speech, encourages media literacy, and promotes a robust public discourse.

Australia has a long-standing tradition of valuing democratic principles, and it is our duty as responsible citizens to protect and nurture these values for future generations. I trust that you will carefully consider the concerns raised by numerous individuals and organizations and take necessary steps to ensure that any legislation pertaining to disinformation strikes the right balance between addressing the issue and preserving our democratic foundations.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to your response and remain hopeful that you will act in the best interests of our democracy.

Yours sincerely,