

20th July 2023.

My Feedback on the Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023.

Dear Committee Members,

I strongly oppose this amendment to the Bill being formulated into Law.

Censorship of any kind does not work. It has never worked anywhere at any time. History bears witness to that fact.

Manipulating truth in any way makes it a lie. Manipulated lies only silence the truth. And silenced truth only leads to anarchy, chaos, destruction, and death. As a responsible and well-functioning democracy, we can safely get rid of this amendment.

The only way to combat disinformation, misinformation and lies is healthy debates and discourse and plenty of communication. That is the way a healthy democracy works.

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