

I have lived in this country for more than seven decades, during which time I was offered the opportunity to pursue and fulfil my potential. I have worked for the government; I have served in the military and have raised a family. I have been proud of my country and have appreciated the chance to enjoy a full life.

Sadly, increasingly in the past decade, that situation has changed dramatically to a point where I fear for the future of my children and grandchildren and generations to follow. This fear arises from the loss of freedom, manipulation of politics, societal anger and division, non-democratic control, emergence of the police state and restriction of movement, just to mention a few. It is an increasingly depressive environment, evidenced by addictions and suicide, which no longer provides meaningful enjoyment and satisfaction.

I have been blessed to live clear of world wars rather than through them and have had the opportunity to study the responses of totalitarian regimes to control populations for their sinister objectives, which inevitably involve restrictions on the free flow of ideas and speech.

Accordingly, it is with absolute dismay that I see this environment rapidly emerging in Australia, not only throughout the pandemic, but more permanently as Australia gives up its sovereign independence to follow the dictates of the likes of the WEF and the UN.

It is beyond belief that any government organisation would propose legislation to restrict the free flow of ideas within society. Quite apart from being unconstitutional, it could well be a cause for a charge of treason.

What is worse, is that ACMA is not a constitutionally recognised government organisation but a corporate entity which under the Australian Constitution 1901 does not have the power to propose or administer laws. This has been the case since Crown authority was removed from all Acts in 1959.

History shows that whenever a government has implemented laws against free speech, it has created a draconian society, civil unrest and the eventual demise of those governments. Is this what ACMA wants to contribute to?

How does ACMA prove that it can be the inerrant arbiter of the truth by determining what is mis-information and dis-information in the public square? Without such proof, it is inevitable that the "truth" will be dictated by biased or ill-informed controlling powers.

Throughout history the question has been asked: "What is truth"? Such is the difficulty of identifying it.

Over the past few years, we have seen the draconian closing down of debate over COVID. The message of "safe and effective" was promulgated internationally despite the opposing voices of very highly credentialed experts. People who spoke out against the narrative were blocked, ridiculed and fired. But now, the truth is emerging with disclosure of patents, concealed research reports, undisclosed contracts, secret commissions, excess death statistics, whistleblowers and horrific autopsies. Now countries are withdrawing and banning mRNA vaccines and medical authorities pursued to face charges of crimes against humanity.

This is just one salient example. Everywhere I look it seems that governments and big business are promoting and living the LIE and populations are swallowing it to their detriment. We will never find truth unless there is vigorous and independent debate predicated on free speech.

In time, those in government and ACMA will move on. How will these people feel about their legacy when they inevitably see their descendants existing in a prison of censorship? Would they be happy to have their names and contact details spread across media channels acknowledging that they were the covert authors seeking to destroy the vibrancy of a free-thinking society? I think not.

I am disgusted by and vehemently opposed to this proposed legislation and the only consolation is that those who author and promote it will have to spend much more of their lives living under it than me at my age.

I invite them to consider: <https://www.lewrockwell.com/2023/07/gary-d-barnett/the-culture-war-against-thinking-individuals-by-the-vast-ideologically-motivated-insane/>