

Subject:

ACMA "mis" & "dis" Information Bill

I and a number of friends and family members have concerns about this proposed Bill.

Of relevance to anything that relates to information or opinion in the public forum is the following Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:-

"Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to see, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

Who is ACMA and their Board of 6 members to decide and rule on what actually is "mis" or "dis" information or "harm"? Particularly, these days when anyone can be offended by anything they don't agree with and "victims" spring from every corner when their feelings are hurt!

It is also preposterous to say the environment itself can be harmed from someone's comment or opinion on-line!

All of this is so subjective and the stance this Bill is taking is over-control and will potentially cause the media organisations to shut down opinions and information (facts that may be emerging even) but you lot don't like.

The fact that the Labor Government is exempt from these laws is absolutely atrocious and reminds one of the Ministry of Truth in George Orwell's 1984 when the Government decided what was true! Jacinda Adern tried that with covid and look how a lot of those truths ended up?

There was a lot of censorship during covid here too, also labelled as mis and dis, that has since shown to be otherwise. Examples of this include the stance on mask wearing and effectiveness as well as the effectiveness of vaccines and whether one could still catch the virus and pass it on! Similarly the harm (**real harm, including death**) the vaccines caused for certain cohorts. These statistics are still being used inappropriately or covered up, according to interest group affiliations, government decisions, and so on. The conspiracy theory(?) of China's lab leaking the virus is now not so far-fetched or "harmful", after much investigation, further information and research and a lot of joining of dots. There was never an animal identified and the lab was involved in "gain of function" research with bat viruses! Amazing!

Linda Burney is constantly bandying about the "mis" and "dis" information terms in condemning the NO Voice campaign and one wonders whether this Bill is fortuitously appearing now to help her in the lead up to the Referendum. There are actually great inconsistencies in her own messages, for example, in one breath she says the Voice will be completely independent from Government and then in the next she says she will ask the Voice to concentrate on 4 main areas of her choosing! She and other Voice proponents also erroneously say Aboriginals were not counted when they clearly were (see Geoffrey Blainey's recent factual account) and that previously they were under the "fauna and flora" act, which didn't even ever exist! She also incites hate with various insults, name-calling and emotional blackmail, as does the Prime Minister and many others. So many inconsistencies and a lot of weaponising and attacking is occurring here. Basically, though, thinking human beings can discern for themselves, do their own research and make their own decisions without this kind of information control, obstruction or censorship. It's all very well to control or minimise serious threats like terrorism, treachery or foreign interference, hacking, scams, etc., and everyone would agree efforts should be concentrated in these areas. Just leave the rest of us alone to exercise free speech, opinions and ideas without the social media platforms cancelling and correcting at your behest!

Other Western democracies are looking at this over-reach also with concern and wondering what is happening in Australia which used to be considered a free and fair country but is now bordering on socialist "big brother" territory!