

## **Who is going to decide what is *Misinformation* and *Disinformation* ?**

There has been, and is, massive corruption in almost all areas of government and public administration in Australia. It seems like almost every night Australians are being confronted with an expose about corruption, either in the government, a government agency, or in a big business of some kind. The individuals and organisations concerned have been able to perpetuate their fraud because they have been allowed to police themselves through originating their own laws and rules that have then assisted them to remain unanswerable to any outside authority.

No government agency or authority should be given complete discretion to make the decision as to whether they consider presented information to be *misinformation* or *disinformation*. Giving one agency or authority overweening power to make its own rules and regulations has been proven to encourage corruption on a massive scale, and aid everyone involved to be protected from responsibility, accountability and transparency, to the detriment of Australia and its people.

Freedom of speech through all and any media/s that an individual chooses to use to express themselves should be an inherent right of every citizen, not only in Australia, but in every nation of the world. Every individual in Australia should be encouraged to seek out any and all information that is available to them, whether it is for or against an issue, allowing them to base their decisions on the broadest range of research materials that they are able to access. It should be every individual's inalienable right to make up their own mind and to confer their own point of view without repercussions or consequences.

**The ACMA bill to Combat Misinformation and Disinformation should not be considered. Do not allow this travesty against freedom of speech to go ahead.**

No person, organisation, or department, (government or private), should have the sole right to police what is considered *misinformation* or *disinformation* for the citizenry of Australia. That decision should be made by every individual Australian for themselves.

**Do not allow this bill to happen.**

Thank you.