

I do not agree with the Communication Legislation Amendment (Combating MisInformation and DisInformation). I believe that everyone should be entitled to their opinion and should be able to express it freely without fear of retribution. There should be no government censorship of peoples' views in a democratic country. In addition, if this bill was to pass, the proposed fines are ridiculously large and will frighten people from commenting freely. This ensures that debate is ended and that only one side of the story is ever allowed to be told. One group of people, chosen by the Government (ACMA) cannot be the arbitrator of truth in a free and democratic society. Debate should always be welcomed, as very often what is believed to be MisInformation or DisInformation now, will change with time. This bill is about censorship and that is never okay. Australia has always been described as the lucky country, where people are able to live without fear regardless of their opinions. This bill will change that, and freedom of expression will be lost. Please stop this bill from progressing.