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To the director, department of infrastructure, transport, regional development, communications and the arts.

Dear director,

I profoundly hope that you will do everything possible to prevent the passing of the communications legislation amendment (combatting misinformation and disinformation) bill 2023.

As there is no definition of misinformation or of disinformation, and as history has shown that long term truths are often eclipsed by short term commercial advantage, then a bill such as this one will become a convenient gag used by business and government for stifling public debate of important social issues.

The tobacco industry would have loved legislation such as this. The fossil fuel industries will certainly make maximum use of it. Nuclear proliferation advocates and numerous environmental vandals, also.

It is a really bad idea.

I hope it does not come to pass.