

I'm writing to voice my objection to the "New ACMA powers to combat misinformation and disinformation".

For sake of brevity, I'll exclude discussion regarding an individuals subjective reality versus absolute objective reality, even though I feel it has relevance. In terms of consuming information an adult audience should use their own judgement as to whether something is true or not, I disagree with a concept of a 'ministry of truth' which I believe to be the ultimate goal of this, in accordance with the World Health Organisations coming Pandemic Treaty. Politicians are not above wrong doing and/or corruption and in reality, this is more about controlling information per se, than about actually protecting anyone (referenced in the Pandemic Treaty as the laughable notion of an 'infodemic'). Seeing my own government - whom I've spent 25 years of my life funding through ever increasing taxes - beginning to institute the same misbehaviors they're accusing China's Xi and Russia's Putin of doing is a tiring double standard. Where does this end and how long before life in Australia resembles living in North Korea. Today's government may give all the assurances under the sun that there is no dictatorship awaiting us in the future, but Prime Minister Albanese's refusing to uphold the previous governments low to middle income tax offset, shows that future governments probably (definitely?), will not honour their predecessors policies and/or promises to the voting public. I will conclude by reinforcing my point that adults should decide for themselves what is true or false and should not have a 'nanny state', decide for them. As for minors and children, the parents decisions on censorship should take precedent, not the state.

Thank you.

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