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To: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Re: Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023

I write to you to voice my vehement objection to the above proposed Bill. If passed, this Bill will deny the ordinary person their most fundamental of rights: Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Expression. May I remind you that the Australian people have protected rights under the Australian Constitution and internationally protected rights under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (see Article 19). Under natural law, the ability to speak and express oneself is a GOD GIVEN RIGHT as sovereign citizens. This proposed Bill is yet another example of Government over-reach to supposedly "keep people safe" while in fact denying people's basic human rights.

## Protecting people's rights is the main and possibly only role of government.

This Bill is an outrageous piece of legislation to try to totally censor information, intimidate and further terrorise ordinary citizens. It will enable a dystopian nightmare, descending Australia, a once vibrant "lucky country", into full blown totalitarian control.

The Bill grants government arbitrary powers to decide what "misinformation" and "disinformation" is (e.g., via the mainstream media who are exempt). The public has witnessed the media's complicity in perpetuating Covid lies during the pandemic. Australia is already heavily censored in an unhealthy way. This is evidenced by the role of government e.g., AHPRA in silencing doctors, nurses and other health professional who questioned "the science" and spoke out against unlawful Covid mandates. Many Australians lost their jobs, career, income, in some cases homes, relationships and were threatened with heavy fines, legal action or even imprisonment.

It seems that the real crime of honest doctors, nurses, health professionals and others was to question the government's own narrative to "trust the science" in

the absence of any objective data emerging during the pandemic. Many asked questions purely to safeguard and uphold people's rights. They did what the Australian Government should have done. Key examples are Dr William Bay and Dr Mark Hobart. However, there are many others.

As evidenced by the example above, anyone who is informed, who presents a different viewpoint to the government's mainstream narrative is undermined, vilified, and threatened. It's very dangerous territory when government proclaim themselves the only arbiters of "truth" e.g., public backlash in New Zealand to former PM Jacinda Ardern, who told the public to only believe her government.

There's a growing consensus in the wider community that over the past three and a half years (since the Covid pandemic started), the only parties guilty of "misinformation" and "disinformation" are the Australian Government and the mainstream media. They have both betrayed the Australian people in the most egregious way.

If there was a genuine pandemic, why did the Australian government need to spend millions of taxpayer dollars on 24/7 propaganda via costly media campaigns? The use of unethical psychological strategies terrorised the public via threats of an invisible "deadly virus". Note: the coronavirus is also known as the common cold. The government's own data shows that when the coronavirus hit in 2020, the flu disappeared. Why was that?

Part of the propaganda deception was the message that any non-compliance meant that the person would die or worse, they'd spread the disease (even though they didn't know they had it, hence the fraudulent PCR testing - another lie) or someone else would die.

Grandkids couldn't visit or hug grandparents because they'd kill their grandparents. Grandparents and parents couldn't hold newborn babies, etc. Older people, especially those in nursing homes, were used to raise public concern and similarly, staff were used as the first workforce required to take a mandatory vaccine or lose their job, in order to "protect" their charges.

It's natural to want to protect older people, who have weaker immune systems. However, to this day, the federal government's department of Health and Aged Care "Protecting Older Australians-Covid-19" website provides erroneous propaganda messaging. It ignores research evidence here and abroad that shows less draconian, genuinely effectives, ways to "protect" the vulnerable

elderly. Why weren't easy, preventative health measures to improve immunity such as Vit D, Vit C and Zinc ever promoted by our so-called "Chief Health Officers"?

Sadly, the vulnerable elderly have been innocent victims of governments scare tactics. While a conservation approach may have been acceptable in early 2020, when not much was known about the virus, this situation has completely changed.

The propaganda continues to dictate strict mandates that remain disproportionate to the risk.

"Systems introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic are becoming an ongoing feature of aged care, such as strongly encouraging up-to-date vaccination of staff, residents and visitors, and other infection prevention and control measures and these measures should be applied to other types of viruses such as RSV, influenza and gastroenteritis."

Protecting Older Austrlians-COVID-19 Update 5 July 2023
Department of Health and Aged Care Website
(Retrieved 6 August 2023)

Despite the rhetoric, mandates require inhumane practices ignoring the emotional, psychological and physical safety and welfare of residents. Older vulnerable people have never been more isolated and discriminated against by a government under the guise of "protection".

The government also coerced the public into following some very strange and arbitrarily changing rules (e.g., masking, social distancing, lockdowns). Government messaging was most relentless in coercing people to take a so called "vaccine" stating that "no one is safe until everyone is safe".

The public were scared into compliance.

But the truth is coming out. A recent example: "Covid cover-up: How science was silenced" published in The Australian Newspaper 29 July 2023. In addition, a plethora of peer reviewed scientific journals provide comprehensive data about what has really happened. And people are talking.

Telling people (including innocent children) that the so called Covid "vaccine" is "Safe and Effective" is a devastating lie. As I watch family and friends become

sick, incapacitated, or die, it's abundantly clear: the Covid vaccine is not at all "safe" nor is it "effective".

Every day I hear sad stories from relatives and friends about someone who's suddenly died, had a stroke or become incapacitated. I've noticed their families are left distraught, often angry and left to question.

They say they did everything right, whatever the government told them to do. What happened? Why did they still get COVID? Or worse, why did their family member get sick and die?

My personal observations are backed up by feedback from my extended community, funeral directors, stone masons, and others who have never been busier: burying people. This includes unprecedented numbers of stillbirths, unexpected deaths of babies and young people.

Even the Australian government's own vaccine adverse reporting system (Data Base of Adverse Event Notification or DAENs) also reflected by the American Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System or VAERS shows unprecedented high numbers of vaccine injuries and deaths. The data from insurance actuaries showing huge, unexpected, and increasing death rates is equally alarming. The numbers of young people suffering from myocarditis is unprecedented. This data is being covered up by censoring, government paid "FACT checkers" or under another misinformation label of "Long COVID."

To be the only arbiter of truth is a dangerous position to occupy. Everyone can be wrong. It's most dangerous to try to cover it up. This is especially true when the issue relates to the health, safety, and welfare of the people you serve, the Australian people. If censorship is so important, why are you not censoring the pornographic material being provided in libraries to children?

The truth always has a way of coming out. In this case, the government has been wrong, and the truth is emerging. This Bill only aims to protect the lies and corruption of others, not uphold and protect the rights of people. Free speech and freedom of expression by enabling the flow of ideas, questions and debate is a vital part of a modern western democracy.

The main and perhaps only role of a competent government is to protect people's rights. The Australian Government has failed miserably in this regard and will be held accountable by its people.

The people's right to Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Expression is a God given, fundamental right of the Australian people.

DO NOT proceed with this draconian Bill.

Yours for now,

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**Concerned Citizen** 

