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Director

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

Dear Sir/Madam

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

I am writing this submission to oppose the *Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023*.

I very much disapprove of the above Bill as it represents an attack on free speech, democracy and freedom of conscience, and therefore by extension, is an attack on the Australian people.

Without free speech, people are both without a voice and a fundamental human right, but it appears this Government would prefer Australians to be voiceless with the passing of this Bill. It is hypocritical to propose such a Bill when the Government is promoting a "Voice" for the Indigenous people. This Bill goes against Indigenous - and non-Indigenous people - and takes away a voice for all. It is contradictory and downright ridiculous to propose the Voice to Parliament and this Bill at the same time, and therefore it is self-evident that this is not about protecting people from "misinformation/disinformation." This Bill is nothing more than a thinly-disguised attempt to censor the Australian people, many of whom can no longer trust the captured mainstream media, especially after they heavily promoted the *experimental* COVID jab as "safe and *effective*" (that, it seems, was real misinformation/disinformation). Of course, the mainstream media would be exempt from misinformation/disinformation under this proposed law, they being one of the institutions whom the people *should* be able to rely upon for facts and truth.

I would like to ask a few questions which relate to this Bill:

1. On what basis will ACMA place themselves in the role of almighty God who is the sole arbiter of truth?;
2. How can Australia have a government body that decides what is true/not true/harmful, when ACMA is made up of fallible and biased human beings?;
3. What are ACMA's ties with industry?;
4. On what basis is the Government exempt? That situation is completely hypocritical and absurd; and lastly,
5. Since when has Government been so concerned with "truth"?!

I doubt one could sufficiently answer the above questions, which therefore might reflect the true motives of this Bill. It is quite clear to me and any reasonable person that this Bill is all about online censorship under the guise of protecting the "*safety and wellbeing of Australians, as well as our democracy, society and economy*". This Bill is about suppressing the truth which goes against the globalist agenda and prevailing narrative of the day.

This Bill is tyrannical and goes far beyond what is reasonable. This is about the people bowing down to the Government's 'truth' alone. The Australian people don't want or need an Orwellian Ministry of Truth or the Thought Police to tell people how to think and what to say. We don't need "Big Brother" deciding for us. We are capable of discerning the truth for ourselves as responsible and reasonable adults and citizens of this "democratic" nation.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours faithfully

Concerned Citizen