

I believe this bill curtails every Australian's right to freedom of speech for the following reasons and should be withdrawn:

1. The Bill is a significant overreach by the government.
2. The Bill is inconsistent with fundamental freedoms of speech and communication under international human rights instruments like the UN Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
3. The Bill puts too much power in the hands of unelected bureaucrats to silence speech in the public square without transparency or accountability.
4. The Bill includes a vague and ideological definition of "harm" which risks it being weaponised to shut down legitimate speech on pressing social issues.
5. The Bill does not require mechanisms that will hold digital service providers liable for excessive and onerous policing of legitimate speech.