

## No to the Misinformation and Disinformation Bill

The right of Australians to express their views, opinions, and the active involvement in forming our democratic freedom have been the cornerstones of our society since the formation of this country. The freedom of speech and diversity of religions and cultures have shaped our wonderful land and have contributed to the fact that we are one of the most desired places to live and raise children in on earth. Many new migrants have found a new home here in the 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> century, as they deeply appreciated our legal system and stability, but also the ability to express themselves freely, which is not a matter of fact in all countries of this world.

The recent attempt of our government to introduce a bill that would give government bureaucrats the right to decide what type of information is being broadcasted across our media channels including an observance and evaluation of social media channels and any publicly voiced opinion is a violation of our basic democratic freedom that has dominated this country since its foundation.

As Christian I am concerned that this could mean that we are no longer able to express our religious views freely and potentially no longer be able to worship freely in public places as our views might not be the approved views of the government.

I was born under communism in Europe in the 1960s and have seen as eyewitness how imposing of a government opinion on all people led to brain washing and the carving out of democratic and eventually human rights. I have seen communism collapsing in 1989, and we all should be grateful for our generation never to experience that society that brought countless suffering to many nations of this world.

As Australian father I say **no** to this Bill for the sake of our children and all following generations and reject hereby the introduction of a law that moves our country into an undemocratic direction. Australia should remain a place that respects individual freedom, and diversity of political opinions and views.