

Re: Exposure Draft Bill

According to the below excerpt “excluded content for misinformation purposes” it seems that the proposed Bill ONLY would apply to the general public and independent media, and that the arbiters of “free speech” would rest on:

Ref (a): Comedians

Ref (b): Main Stream Media

Ref (c) & (d): Academia

Ref (d): Government

Democracy rests upon the principles of majority rule and individual rights, one of these rights are free speech for all.

- 11 ***excluded content for misinformation purposes*** means any of the
12 following:
- 13 (a) content produced in good faith for the purposes of
14 entertainment, parody or satire;
 - 15 (b) professional news content;
 - 16 (c) content produced by or for an educational institution
17 accredited by any of the following:
 - 18 (i) the Commonwealth;
 - 19 (ii) a State;
 - 20 (iii) a Territory;
 - 21 (iv) a body recognised by the Commonwealth, a State or a
22 Territory as an accreditor of educational institutions;
 - 23 (d) content produced by or for an educational institution
24 accredited:
 - 25 (i) by a foreign government or a body recognised by a
26 foreign government as an accreditor of educational
27 institutions; and
 - 28 (ii) to substantially equivalent standards as a comparable
29 Australian educational institution;
 - 30 (e) content that is authorised by:
 - 31 (i) the Commonwealth; or
 - 32 (ii) a State; **or**
 - 1 (iii) a Territory; or
 - 2 (iv) a local government.