

Submission regarding the proposed new ACMA powers to combat
misinformation and disinformation

"Misinformation and disinformation pose a threat to the safety and wellbeing of Australians, as well as to our democracy, society and economy."

That statement is, in itself, misinformation and disinformation, from any normal thinking person's perspective. And there by is the problem. Who will decide what is misinformation or disinformation, truth or lie, a right or wrong opinion.

It is this proposed legislation which '...pose(s) a threat to the safety and wellbeing of Australians, as well as to our democracy, society and economy.'

You or nobody in the employ of the government is qualified or has the right to decide what I can or cannot read based on it's position to the latest government narrative or your beliefs.

It is my right to get information from whatever source I choose, research data and make decisions based on my findings.

You have *no* right to decide what I can or cannot think, read or on what I am allowed to base my decisions.

I note the government is immune from the provisions of this intended legislation, which ironic given the current government and, certainly, the previous government were the primary source of misinformation, disinformation and outright lies. This has been proven over and over again.

This legislation is an affront to *any* concept of freedom of speech or expression.

It is Stalinist, authoritarian and an insult to the Australian people.

Australian Governments have already been caught out numerous times weaponising social media platforms to restrict the freedom of speech and expression of the Australian people. This proposed legislation is just another attack by government on what still passes for democracy in Australia.

The Covid debacle showed the government lied. Actual scientific information and the truth were censored. People supporting that information and truth were vilified and prosecuted. The real purveyors of lies and deceit were the governments and their 'experts'.

Masks don't work and can be hazardous to health if used incorrectly. Suggested mortality figures were fake, and were very quickly proven to have been fake. 'Case numbers' used to bring in draconian laws, were also faked,

based on tests which could not be relied upon in any way. Shots touted as vaccines were not vaccines. The shots given were not safe or effective in any way. All this has been proven as scientific fact over and over again. We know the truth yet it was suppressed and censored.

No doubt you will receive numerous submissions outlining Australia's contravention of numerous laws, treaties and, international conventions and agreements if this legislation is passed. It is true, Australia will be in contravention of those things.

But, my main concern is that the covenant between the Australian people and governments will be fractured irreparably.

Already severely damaged by the actions of State and Federal governments during the Covid scam; this legislation will destroy any trust left.

Any governments, and certainly no petty public servant, is the arbiter of truth. You can advise, and even put out you own information. But you do not have the right to censor anything with which you disagree.

It is an utter disgrace that any Australian government would even propose such legislation. It is an indication of the contempt and derision governments hold for the Australian people. Obviously you believe we are too stupid to make our own decisions based on our own unfettered research.

Not only should this legislation not continue, it should be forever banned. Those politicians putting it forward should resign in shame and disgrace, as should any public servant supporting it.

Kind Regards

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