I am submitting my objection and concern about the proposed draft bill #2023 regarding ACMA overseeing misinformation and disinformation on social media in Australia.
I feel very strongly that this goes against Australian true values and beliefs.
Every Australian should have the right to read, watch and say what they want without being told what is right and wrong by the government or big tech.
On more than one occasions these platforms have been the sole providers of the so called 'misinformation and disinformation ' you are trying to combat. That has not been any clearer than the last 3 years.

It astonishing that we are even having to debate this in Australia, aren't we a free democracy. If this draft bill passes we will be more suppressed by lack of balanced news, science and facts, isn't this what communist regimes and dictatorships do. I believe it's called propaganda.

The last three years are an excellent example of suppressed free speech under the guise of misinformation and disinformation when many Australians have been silenced and attacked for saying anything that went against the official narrative/agenda at the time.
Ironically most of the silenced opinions from experts in their respective fields have proven to be correct and true whilst the official news and information pushed by government and mainstream media at the time has proven to be flawed, false and misleading.

I understand and support that there should be laws and rules in place to combat issues such as terrorism, drug and gun smuggling, child exploitation etc however what is being proposed is an extreme overreach of authority and power by the Australian government and ACMA in regards to misinformation and disinformation. Elected officials don't get to dictate, they are there to serve the people. We should be able to continue to have a balanced, fair and non biased news and information platforms, generations have fought in wars for these freedoms. Australians should be continue to allow free speech, engage in healthy debates and to reach our own conclusions based on facts, experts and history.
I strongly reject this bill and oppose and am appalled at this current government for even trying to get it passed.