

ACMA Amendments

I do not support these proposed Amendments in any way.

ACMA should not be the arbiter of what is mis or dis-information the Government has been the leading purveyor of both.

A Government or Government agency which is a centralised authority who determines what is true or false is a dictatorship (Government will be your **sole** source of TRUTH). One only has to look at the North Korea example to see the effects and repercussions of government controlled speech.

In a free and democratic society we must have the freedom to have open and frank discussion, opinion and expression in any media that is available even if that opinion does not agree with someone else and even if the whole discussion does not have absolute facts. These proposed amendments are truly censorious and censorship stifles robust discussion.

Government has been the purveyor of information that has been proven incorrect with specific reference to Covid-19. If these censorious amendments are carried out then no challenge to disinformation or misinformation given by the Government and it's agencies or the media influencers can be made. Again, this becomes a dictatorship just like the North Korean example. Do politicians want Australia to be compared to North Korea (NK)? Australians will be living under the same dictatorship and oppressive rules as that of the NK regime.

Conspiracy theories exist because Government does not tell the whole truth and individuals are left searching for truth and making appropriate decisions for themselves which is the foundation of a democratic society. Many "Conspiracy theories" have been proven to be true over time, including those related to Covid-19 due to the propaganda put out by the government and the mainstream-controlled media (controlled by the pharmaceutical companies).

Government is not consistent in investigating fully and at times do not convey all the facts either (as noted by Uluru Statement from the Heart

documentation which is proven to be more than “one page” through an FOI application to NIAA).

As sovereign beings it is our job to hold the Government and their agencies accountable and how can people do that if we are not allowed to question them which is what these amendments will prevent from happening.

The best solution for disinformation/misinformation is free and open debate and not government controlling or dictating freedom of speech and expression which is our unalienable and inherent birth right. No government can take that right or any other unalienable right away from the people.

This Amendment also puts at risk the “freedom” we are supposed to have as a democratic society to express our own views on digital media. Are our own views and opinions to be censored in this way as we appear to head towards a Chinese Communist future?

Amendment 7 (2) (e) states “the person disseminating, or causing the dissemination of, the content **intends** that the content deceive another person.” How would the oversight person calculate the “intention” of the person disseminating content? How will ACMA determine if the person disseminating “intends” to deceive.

I also do not trust (as per the Fact Sheet provided) that the ACMA will not pressure digital platform services to require specific content or posts to be removed as the threat of penalties will be enough for digital media to over-censor submitted content. Throughout the Covid-19 debacle, there was, and still is, heavy censorship of what the social media giants (e.g. Facebook, Youtube, Twitter) consider to be disinformation or misinformation with many people having their accounts deleted or censored by these Communists because they did not believe the government narrative or the propaganda narrative put out by the mainstream-controlled media. Add to this the fact checkers who are funded by the [REDACTED] who have also been falsely claiming information published or reported by world leading health experts to be misinformation when the facts had been proven scientifically to be true.

These amendments are dangerous for everyone (apart from Parliament, ACMA and any other exempt bodies or groups) and I vehemently object to the amendments in every way.