

New ACMA powers to combat misinformation and disinformation

My understanding is that following quote is found in article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers".

In my opinion the proposed legislation will do away with the human right to think and express oneself without hinderance or penalty. I consider that such legislation, if passed into law, would be both invalid and illegal, given it overrides basic human rights. I fail to see how citizens could obey the proposed legislation in good conscience and actively participate in a democracy.

In my opinion the philosophy behind the proposed legislation is collectivist in nature and actively deprecates the rights of those with contrary opinions. It is my opinion that the proposed legislation will supress the right to free speech and directly undermine the building blocks of our Australian democracy.

I respectfully request that the Australian Parliament does not pass the misinformation and disinformation bill.

