

# Public Submission No.1

Exposure draft of the Communications Legislation  
Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and  
Disinformation) Bill 2023

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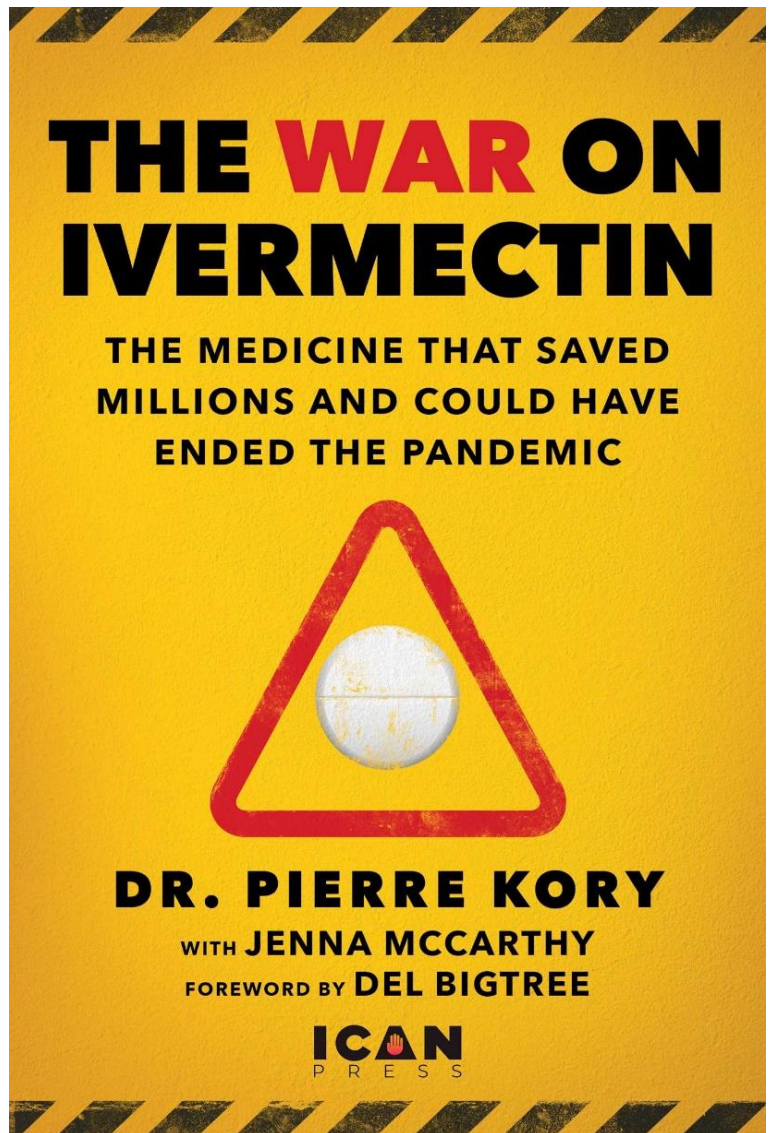
In the exposure draft for the Bill, the Government argues that “Misinformation and disinformation pose a threat to the safety and wellbeing of Australians, as well as our democracy, society and economy” but if so, why is the legislation limited to just censoring opinions on-line ?

Surely if ‘misinformation & disinformation’ pose such a threat, that ACMA’s powers to censor should not be limited to opinions only published online – and these powers should also extend to opinions published in books. ‘Wrong-think’ must be stamped out whatever its source.

Firstly, as an example, take a book recently published by Dr Pierre Kory, *The War on Ivermectin*.

Although Dr Kory was a front-line doctor that cured sick patients firsthand using Ivermectin, and his book details numerous peer-reviewed studies and epidemiologic data demonstrating the effectiveness of Ivermectin, “fact-checkers” at Facebook and YouTube have deemed Dr Kory’s opinions “misinformation” and censored him and they must be right.

Afterall, if Ivermectin was admitted as an effective Covid treatment the “safe & effective” Covid experimental genetic vaccines would never have been able to obtain their Emergency Use Authorisation. And think how much money that would have cost the vested interests of Big Pharma. Hundreds of Billions were at stake.



Therefore why should Dr Kory be able to side step Big Tech’s censorship and the Albanese’s governments crack-down on things deemed ‘misinformation’ by writing a book ?

If the Government wants to shut down dissenting opinions it deems as “misinformation” – it must censor opinions from all sources both online and print.

Secondly, what about someone that seeks to get around the Government's censorship regulations by standing on a soap-box to state opinions that contradict the official line from Government, the WHO, the WEF and Big Pharma ?

We should they be allowed to engage in free speech, saying things on a soap-box in the town square, if they would be censored saying the same thing on-line ?

Surely this double-standard is unacceptable.

Just as this legislation proposes that we have government agents spying on Australians' social media posts, ready to have them taken down if they are deemed "misinformation" likewise we should also have government agents at public rallies where similar conduct is likely to occur ready to take down any speaker that contradicts the official line from Government, the WHO, the WEF and Big Pharma.



**RECOMMENDATIONS:** To protect democracy AMCA's proposed new powers to censor any opinion published on-line that is deemed "misinformation" should also be extent if the same opinions are published in books or at public rallies.

1. ACMA should be given the power to fine Book Publishers and Booksellers if they refuse to burn all copies of any book that ACMA deems as containing "misinformation".
2. ACMA be given the power to attend public rallies and take down any speaker they deem as making statements containing "misinformation". The taking down could be undertaken by a specially trained squad of operatives dressed in black or brown with the words "Government Fact-checker" clearly printed on the back of their shirts.

For what could possible go wrong if a Government Bureaucracy was given such power ?