

Concerning this proposed “Misinformation Bill” your assumption that what you label as “Misinformation and disinformation pose a threat to the safety and wellbeing of Australians, as well as to our democracy, society and economy.” Is erroneous and is in fact opposite of democracy, inclusivity, equality and does not pose a threat to our society nor economy.

The principles of Democracy, Equity, diversity & Inclusivity recognise that there is a divergence of opinions and allow them to be aired and discussed in a healthy and open debate. There people can decide for themselves what’s in their best interests or in the best interests of the country based on the arguments and evidence presented.

Diversity of opinion and open debate is a strength of a vibrant country that respects the will and intelligence of its citizens. Australia has done well with a diverse multicultural background. What you’re proposing where there is one arbiter of “truth” censoring alternative opinions is the complete opposite to intellectual honesty, debate and what has made Australia and other “free” nations great. If the Labour government goes ahead with this heavy-handed bill, how will that look like in the history books ....very unfavourably and certainly NOT inclusive, equitable, diverse, nor democratic. This will also backfire on the politicians making this Bill, remember that it s a two-edged sword should your views and opinions fall out of favour with another government in power.

Sincerely,  
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