

I object to the Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023 and its attempt to censor free-thought & free-speech on Australian Internet social media sites.

A single point of view is dangerous. That it cannot be questioned is a sign of radical tyranny.

I object to unelected & unknown individuals at ACMA determining what is 'misinformation' & 'disinformation', and that differences from their unaccountable opinions will be subject to costly legal action. This is an Orwellian bill and will have a chilling effect on free political debate in Australia and could even lead to an authoritarian state without any effective opposition (similar to various Communist regimes). Debate is essential to democracy and the right to protest is fundamental.

It is insightful to see that the Federal government has explicitly excluded itself from the provisions of the bill (thus demonstrating its understanding of the negative effects it would have on free-speech in parliament). In other words, the instigators of the bill want to take away the public's right to free debate, whilst retaining it for themselves. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. This bill is anti-Australia. It is unacceptable in any free democratic society and it would be detrimental to robust, healthy Australia.

It's time to stand for personal liberty and freedom of speech. Debate and an enquiring mind are essential components to development and without them, society and the people within that society become stagnant, living under an oppressive regime with diminished quality of life of the people subjected to tyrannical controls.

Stop the censorship. Stop cancel culture. Stop the Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023.