

This bill states the issue being "Misinformation and disinformation pose a threat to the safety and wellbeing of Australians, as well as to our democracy, society and economy".

This bill is inconsistent with fundamental freedoms of speech and communication under international human rights instruments like the UN Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. I argue this bill is a direct threat to these rights, the safety and wellbeing of Australians, as well as to our democracy, society and economy.

The exclusion of government-authorized content from this censorship is hypocritical and inconsistent and will establish an asymmetry that results in **one rule for the government and another rule for Australians** in what they can say. This bill puts too much power in the hands of **unelected** bureaucrats silencing speech in the public square **without transparency or accountability**.

This bill puts the rights of personal privacy at risk by enforcing owners and users of digital platforms to provide information to the ACMA which is a worrying breach of privacy.