

I am against this bill on many fronts, particularly, I disagree that misinformation should be part of this bill at all.

The first 'Key point' on the fact sheet is already vague.

"Misinformation and disinformation pose a threat to safety and wellbeing of Australians ..."

What really keeps people safe? A home, having food and shelter - these things are tangible.

Information can't provide this nor take this away. Information is merely words. It is content that may or may not be read, viewed, heard. It has no direct power to cause physical harm or injury.

Information, whatever type of it is - is to inform. By itself there is no action.

Information: facts provided or learned about something or someone

Misinformation as defined in the fact Sheet:

'is online content that is false, misleading or deceptive that is **shared without intent to deceive** but can cause and contribute to serious harm.

Who is to determine what constitutes misinformation?

What is viewed as misinformation one day can be proved correct and valid later. For example, taking the aboriginal children away from their parents was thought to be the right thing to do at the time but is now proven to be a poor decision.

Misinformation has been shown in history to simply be another point of view.

A piece of information, however it is labelled, can on its own do nothing.

Information provided to people is up to the people to discern and make the best decisions for themselves.

How can we be sure that this is not a form of mind control. That the government is then dictating what information people have access to, dictating what people are to think, and what is 'allowed' to be shared. Any thought that looks at other opinions or options could be called 'misinformation' purely because it represents an alternative view.

People should be allowed to think and decide for themselves.

This bill restricts freedom of information, blocking the sharing of information. It should be stopped.