

I am making this submission to stand for my fundamental human right of freedom of opinion and expression.
Please consider the following:-

After reading the Bill I consider it is a significant overreach by the government. No government now or in the future should wield this much say on its citizens, as has been seen the effects on many other countries whose government started for the people and ended in dictatorship.

Under the UN Declaration of Human Rights and International Covenant on Civil and Political rights of which Australian Government sign on to this proposed bill is not in keeping and is inconsistent with that which we are covenanted to. Therefore we would be breaking our own word in world rights. What a shame face on Australia before the world.

The Bill gives power to unelected bureaucrats with no accountability in public place and no transparency of what they have chosen as their truth.

The Bill gives digital providers the opportunity to decide policing of speech and shut down who they choose with no accountability.

The Bill can be used to weaponise and shut down those who call for free discussions to the betterment of society.

The Bill is being proposed on an ideological "harm" definition.

We have seen other countries fall into this trap once a Bill is past, eg Hitler did that with groups in Europe and his ideologues were not sound, however, he censored those who spoke for human rights. It gave ruinous reign over that nation once rulings were put through parliament to use their regime's truth with no accountability.

I am shocked to read that government authorised content will not be shut down, scrutinised nor accountable. This is no different than North Korea and Chinese regimes. That is out of balance completely for Australia to have one rule for government and another rule for the people it is supposed to serve.

The Bill gives ACMA excessive powers to intervene in a breach of privacy to users of private and digital platforms by requiring information from them and evidence which is their own property.

There is insufficient accountability by any standard of misuse and abuse of censorship.

The few provision that are in the Bill are far from that to meet International law for the interference of fundamental rights of freedom of speech and expression.

The severity of penalties for failing to comply are beyond belief and will cause a high level of loss of freedom of speech by fear of penalties.

I request that this Bill be dissolved and if needed, a new bill be considered in line with the rights of the citizens of Australia to express their opinions and values without censorship, so that healthy discussion can be held. As has been in years prior, on slavery, children in workforce under age, working hours, work practices and safety etc etc.

Yours Sincerely

