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Subject
Misinformation and Disinformation Bill

Message

With the greatest of respect I would like to make a submission strongly against the proposed misinformation and disinformation bill that is being proposed. It is nothing short of censorship and a really concerning proposition. I don't even think many Australians are aware of this and what it could mean for the future but have no doubt it will be a very fast slippery slope to a dystopian future which is unrecognisable to most of us. Exactly who decides what is misinformation and disinformation? If you take social media for example then most of the stuff that is being censored by so called 'fact checkers' is actually demonstrably true.

In particular much of what has been censored over the last few years, for example alleged medical misinformation raising genuine concerns over experimental vaccines that were rushed out and alternative treatment that was re-purposed, effective and yet was incorrectly called 'dangerous' - this is very concerning. Remember, many many genuinely credible and credentialed experts were raising the same concerns. Are we to understand now that misinformation and disinformation will be applied to anyone (no matter their expertise) if they challenge dogma and orthodoxy being pushed and financed by Big Pharma? The very same companies that have previously incurred billions of dollars in penalties in the past for concerning practices?

Please do not allow this bill to pass. It will take our country to a very dark place. Now, more than ever (considering all the mistakes that were made during the last few years) is the time for healthy and open debate on all subjects. For your consideration.

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