

Dear Secretary,

Please see below regarding submission

The Communications Legislation Amendment (Combating

Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023 (Cth)

I am requesting please that this draft Bill **not** to be implemented as it inhibits freedom of speech and free human thought.

The Bill is inconsistent with fundamental freedoms of speech and communication- see below

UN Declaration of Human Rights-

“Universal Declaration of Human Rights-Article 19- Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinion without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.”

- It is not up to the government (or political party that is in power at the time) to decide

what the “truth” is, Truth can be an individual's opinion, or can be change due to scientific advancement in the physical form. It must not be restrained by Government or organizations, but encouraged and liberated.

The next generation must not be restrained by the past in thought or in learning to challenge to current status.

- The Bill includes a vague and ideological definition of “harm” which risks it being

weaponized to shut down legitimate speech on pressing social issues.

Thank you for the opportunity and time for allowing commenting regarding this draft Bill.

Regards

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