My Submission on the Terrible Misinformation Bill

From:

To: Information Integrity <information.integrity@infrastructure.gov.au>

Date: Fri, 18 Aug 2023 21:38:42 +1000 **Attachments:** Unnamed Attachment (68 bytes)

Dear Misinformation Bill Review,

I am a grandmother and am appalled at the society my grandchildren will inherit if the government's arrogant plan to impose totalitarian control over Australians' freedom of speech succeeds. This disgraceful Bill ignores our obligations as signatory to Human Rights documents and is reminiscent of dictatorships such as North Korea and China. It has no place in a democracy.

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

The proposed bill will interfere with people's ability to receive and impart information through social media. It is a violation of Australians' human rights and must be entirely rejected.

It is not the role of the government to tell people what they can and cannot say or think. It is all too easy to see how unelected bureaucrats will be able to abuse these sweeping powers, once those powers are granted to them.

Please reject this bill.

