

Submission by [REDACTED] re:

Draft Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023

I strongly object to the proposal of the above Amendment Bill under discussion at present.

Our Freedom of speech is being eroded day by day by certain members of our parliament.

This quote is as valid today as when it was first spoken:

QUOTE "I disapprove of what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it".

The greatest purveyors of Misinformation and Disinformation were our politicians shown during the recent Covid 19 LOCKDOWNS etc.

Anyone who spoke out against the orthodoxy of the so called "experts" was put down or shut down from commenting. That has now been proven to have been totally illegal. The ones who had varying ideas were in the main correct.

Who are the "DISINFORMATON POLICE" going to be and how will they be chosen?

This is totally against our Democratic Rights.

This Bill should not even have to be debated. It is against all human rights.

If this Bill is passed does that mean that all belief systems including religious doctrines,, "Dreamtime" etc. are to be classed as misinformation or disinformation?

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Anthropogenic Global Warming must then be classed as Misinformation or Disinformation.

Australia is not a TOTALITARIAN COUNTRY - YET - Our current Prime Minister seems as though that is what he wants though.

I am including a couple of sections from the Australian Human Rights Commission to support my submission as hereunder.

Sections from: AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
FREEDOM, INFORMATION AND EXPRESSION:

(1) The UN General Assembly adopted the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) on 16 December 1966.

ICCPR Article 19 states:

Everyone shall have the right to hold opinions without interference.

Everyone shall have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of his choice.

The exercise of the rights provided for in paragraph 2 of this article carries with it special duties and responsibilities. It may therefore be subject to certain restrictions, but these shall only be such as are provided by law and are necessary:

(a) For respect of the rights or reputations of others;

(b) For the protection of national security or of public order, or of public health or morals.

(2) General comment 34 (open shut box)

(3) General Comment 34 emphasises that freedom of expression and opinion are the foundation stone for a free and democratic society and a necessary condition for the promotion and protection of human rights. This General Comment addresses in detail:

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(5) freedom of opinion

(6) freedom of expression

(7) freedom of expression and the media

(8) the right to access to information

(9) the importance of freedom of expression in a democratic society

(10) the application of Article 19.3 on permissible limitations on freedom of information and expression

(11) the scope for limitations on freedom of expression in certain areas

(12) the relationship between articles 19 and 20.

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I do not object to my submission being made public - however,

I WOULD WISH MY NAME AND ADDRESS BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.