

The Australian Online Safety Act started life as a means of protecting children against harm from on line predators, a most laudable objective.

However as with most bureaucratic agendas the online safety act has morphed into something that is now inveigling itself into every day Australian life.

The recent debacle involving the eSafety commissioner Julie Inman Grant squandering \$M's of Australian taxpayer money in a personal vendetta against Elon Musk clearly demonstrates how out of control Australian bureaucracy has become.

The fact that the eSafety commission was attempting to prevent relevant news reaching all Australians clearly demonstrates that the department is out of control and its powers need to be minimised rather than further expanded.

The provisions of the Online Safety Act need to be severely curtailed back to the original intention of the protection of minors on the internet, rather than Orwellian direction that Julie Inman Grant has been following in recent times.

Governments across the West, including Australia, are in lockstep with the censoring of their populations and elimination of "free speech". The Online Safety Act is yet another tool to increase that censorship and as such must NOT be extended further into Australian life.