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To whom it may concern

I believe we do not need an E-Safety commission to decide for us what we view online. Who decides a footage is deemed inappropriate. If I do not want to a footage, I shall turn it off.

We all saw September 11 attacks on TV, we saw photos that were very confronting. We see images of war and terrorist attacks around the world every day. Where do you draw the line. We saw the Bondi junction knife attack footage a week earlier.

And the images and scenes of the Wakeley stabbing 15th April 2024, were sad to see that is happening in Australia. But it is reality. Terrorism was always something that happened overseas until the Lindt Cafe Siege. However, the answer is not to censor the images to protect the public but how to solve the problem. To address the root of the problem should be the main aim but not to censor what the public sees on line. If it is a mental health issue, we address mental health, if it is a religious ideology issue we address and confront the ideology.

It is important to be honest and tell the society the dangers of certain ideologies and display true uncensored footages of the terrorist act. We should not hide from reality nor bury our heads in the sand. Seeing the images/videos of the Wakeley stabbing was important to see the truth of terrorism that Australia is facing. We should not be censored.

Additionally, we watch movies on TV that are full of confronting images and brutal scenes. Much worse than the stabbing. Where do you draw the line on what is allowed for the public to see and what is not allowed to see. Who is the judge. The e-safety commission? Will the TV programs and films be censored as well in the future? Where do we draw the line.

On the other hand, I agree we need to protect young people from pornography and other forms of bullying on line. We can do that better by teaching the children and empowering parents to protect their children. Parents' role is to censor what their children watch on TV and online. The E-Safety commission should not play the role of the parent. We want to protect young people from online images, but allow prostitution in front of their schools? This is the proposed Equality bill by Alex Greenwich.

Additionally, if a hate speech is spoken at a place of worship to worshipers it will incite violence among the audience young and old. Sheikh Ibrahim Dadoun celebrated October 7, 2024 by calling it a day of courage. It is a hat speech against members of our society. Was the Imam censored for his hate speech? What did the government do? This is what the imam said 7 October; *'I'm elated, it's a day of courage, it's a day of happiness, it's a day of pride, it's a day of victory. This is the day we've been waiting for'*. The Imam was inciting hate. I believe we need to address this type of hate speech mainly!

Additionally, the celebration at the Opera house in Sydney 8 October were appalling, they were the same views as Imam Ibrahim Dadoun. It is disturbing. This is inciting and normalising HAMAS criminal actions We are all Australians and the loyalty should be to Australia not to HAMAS a terrorist organisation and overseas policies. This "hate" speech is a national security issue. But the footage of the Wakeley attack is not inciting hate nor is it a national security.

Finally, the public do not need to be protected from the truth but the public need to be protected from poisonous ideologies.