

My first Question is how was this publicised to the citizens of Australia to engage with? I only found out about it from my associates and the window for consultation is only open for 6 weeks. The government have had a much greater length of time to discuss it and debate it, so it should be more open to public consultation and more widely publicised.

The next question who is going to assist the government bodies to make these decisions? the government should not police the truthfulness of information on its own as they have shown they are responsible for the same misinformation and disinformation over the past many years and not shown their source or the information to the public.

There should always be a scrutinising force at a time when the rich and powerful are getting away with more and more in this world, a perfect example is Facebook and twitter have already been influenced by governments and corporations to police misinformation that I have seen firsthand with the so called "fact check" which has proven many times to be fascicle. If you are going to leave it to these social media outlets to police and be pressured by government, there will just be more freedom of speech taken away. Social media has become so important for many people as it is the only way to communicate what is going on, and because of the fact we don't get a balanced report from large media outlets.

The only way to combat misinformation and disinformation is to have open debate about subjects publicly, with the clear and factual information presented, then with good balance of representation from both sides of an argument. It is clear much of the news media is already controlled and it is rare to see balance on major news media. I follow parliament on a regular basis from many media sources, much of what is debated never make any large news media outlet to give a balanced view to the majority of the Australian public and why many are turning away from it. It leaves me in doubt that there will be equitable outcome from this bill.