

Australia needs to remain a free country for the people

I understand that the Australian Government, elected by the people for the people, is intending to tell those very people what they should see, read and hear. Given we are able to make up our own minds as to which party should be "in charge" we should also be trusted to work out what is misinformation or disinformation. We most certainly do not need "fact checkers", whoever they are, to make those decisions for us.

Australia is still a constitutional federation of states and not a socialist dictatorship. The people have the right to hear all the arguments – the good ones and the bad ones – and decide for themselves what's true and what's false.

Politicians and unelected bureaucrats have no place interfering in that process. They are paid to make decisions in the interest of the people who pay their salaries.

Australia is successful and prosperous because we've been able to freely campaign and argue for what we believe.

There is no place for any laws that attempt to stop Australians being fully informed before they are asked to vote in an election or at referenda. Social media is the "modern town square" where all views, both good and bad, should be allowed to be heard. A government that seeks to silence decent is a communist government.

Politicians who try to play the arbiters of truth put our democracy in jeopardy and destroy the confidence the people have in their elected officials.

That's why you must reject these so-called 'misinformation' laws that will only limit the ability of Australians to make up their own minds.

Cough this in any terms you wish, but this proposed Bill is to establish a 'Ministry of Truth', no different to the days of Hitler and Stalin except it is across a much broader spectrum of communication means.

I'm asking that a NO to this authoritarian attack on our freedom. I'm joining forces with many other voters like me to reject Labor, the Greens and the Teals' 'Ministry of Truth'. Telling me that it was 'the Liberals idea' makes no difference. It needs to be stopped immediately.

My father fought in a war to maintain our rights and freedoms. I will not let his sacrifices be null and void by politicians that have no rights to silence the people.