

## Inquiry into the Impact of Social Media on Elections and Electoral Administration Survey

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### SURVEY

Q1. Encouraging social media platforms to take more action against inappropriate activities (such as bots, harassment, trolling, spreading fake news).

**Response:** Very good idea

Too much misinformation and outright lies circulating on social media.

Q2. The government funding media literacy campaigns to help people know what they can trust online.

**Response:** Good idea

Q3. Requiring public disclosure of all online political advertising (for example, webpages created by social media platforms showing all of the political advertising on their platform and who paid for it, or webpages created by parties/candidates showing all of the online ads they have run).

**Response:** Very good idea

Absolutely. As well as requiring truth in political advertising. Including strong penalty for misinformation and lies.

Q4. Requiring online electoral advertising to state who paid for it.

**Response:** Very good idea

Q5. Government support for independent and trust-worthy organisations that can fact-check claims or identify misinformation.

**Response:** Very good idea

Absolutely and to include expansion of role and powers of the IBAC to include those who attempt to influence political processes through publishing misinformation or lies!

Q6. Using independent organisations (e.g. the Victorian Electoral Commission) as a source of reliable information about electoral candidates.

**Response:** Good idea

The VEC has proven itself to be a toothless tiger. It needs to be cleaned out and people who fearlessly apply the law put in to replace the current people.

Q7. New laws requiring truth in political advertising.

**Response:** Very good idea  
Absolutely required.

Too much misinformation and outright lying by most politicians!

Q8. Are there other things you'd like to see the government do relating to social media or online advertising and elections?

**Response:** Stop the lying and misinformation that characterises politics!