

## 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

I'm old enough that social media does not really effect my decision making but I find it has a real influence on younger people's ideas and any harassment should not be tolerated

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

**Response:** Good idea

As above like ABC broadcasting

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

We should know where all the support for all our politicians is coming from  
To enable accountability in Govt

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

**Response:** Good idea

Accountability

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

**Response:** Good idea

Like ABC fact check! As long as independent

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

**Response:** Bad idea

The electoral commission should not be involved in anything outside their basic functions to avoid any corruption

Q7. New laws requiring truth in political advertising.

**Response:** Good idea

I think there are some now but nothing is enforced

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

**Response:** Everything should be accountable and everything to do with supporting a politician should be available for scrutiny within a couple of days