

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

The platforms are abused by vested interests using fake accounts and bots to deliberately distort, harass and bully

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

Response: Very good idea

Unacceptable anonymous fake accounts allow dishonest representation

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

Accountability

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

Response: Very good idea

Accountability, transparency

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

Response: Very good idea

Identify fakes and make accountable

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

Response: Very good idea

Transparency and accountability

Q7. New laws requiring truth in political advertising.

Response: Very good idea
Transparency and accountability

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

Response: Provide public platforms as alternatives to private unaccountable platforms