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: Good idea
All media organisations need to take some responsibility as a publisher.

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

Response: Good idea
If online media self scrutiny fails then tis becomes important.

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: Not sure
Question is too converluted.

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

Response: Good idea
Brings it in to line with other advertising.

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

Response: Bad idea
Government can put a polititcal spin on things. Better to leave this work to free enterprise.

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

Response: Good idea
Candidate endorced and party checked for electors and media scutiny. Not a bad idea.

Q7. New laws requiring truth in political advertising.

Response: Very bad idea
How can you tell when a politician is lying? Their lips are moving. Let them stand by what they say and leave it up to public to work it out.

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

Response: None that I can think of at present.