

## 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 abhor bullying in any form and think all steps should be taken to prevent online bullying. I see so much fake news on social media and am worried at the number of people who believe it.

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

**Response:** Not sure

I believe this is probably a good idea but I am concerned that governments are also capable of disseminating fake news.

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

Full disclosure is the only way to alert people to the intent behind online political material.

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

**Response:** Very good idea

People need to know who is paying so they can discern the motives behind the content.

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

**Response:** Very good idea

I support any efforts to independently identify misinformation so people can vote from an informed position.

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

**Response:** Very good idea

I am concerned about the misinformation provided about electoral candidates, both by themselves, their parties and their opposition.

Q7. New laws requiring truth in political advertising.

**Response:** Very good idea  
I'm so sick of the lies.

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

**Response:** Not that I can think of at the moment.