

## 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

There is currently no accountability, fake news, conspiracy theories, anti-vax movements are on the rise.

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

**Response:** Very good idea

Media literacy in older generations is low. Millennials were/are taught this in school but older people do not understand.

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

Transparent adds is key to create accountability and trust in politics.

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

**Response:** Very good idea

I will build trust and understanding in politics

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

**Response:** Very good idea

It depends on the government support. Because if it's money then it's not a good idea if it's just general support then it's a good idea cause it encourages a lack of misinformation.

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

**Response:** Very good idea

As they are not allowed to be Bias.

Q7. New laws requiring truth in political advertising.

**Response:** Very good idea

I didn't know you're allowed to lie already this should be changed immediately.

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

**Response:** No donations from foreign investors must be Australian only and all must be disclosed.