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Dear Ms Yorke

I am writing to ask that Google takes action as a priority to suspend the dissemination on your platforms in Australia of content generated by Russian state media organisations, given that there has been a significant volume of such content promoting violence, extremism and disinformation in relation to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

A number of platforms have taken action to block such services and content in the United States and Europe. In Australia, the Special Broadcasting Service and Foxtel recently suspended the broadcast of Russia Today and NTV. Given the current actions of the Russian Government, and the lack of genuinely independent Russian media, these actions are responsible and appropriate.

In light of the exceptional circumstances that are unfolding in Ukraine, and in the interests of protecting sovereignty and territorial integrity, the Australian Government asks that Google takes such action in respect of content disseminated on your platforms in Australia.

I would be grateful to receive your early advice as to the steps you have taken to achieve this outcome.

Yours sincerely

Paul Fletcher

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