

Dear Senate,

I would like to share my concerns about the Doxxing provisions in the Privacy Amendment Bill as I am concerned it will undermine Australian's democratic rights. I also ask you make this submission public with my full name included.

In particular I am concerned about the following issues:

- Punishing me for highlighting leaders' whereabouts undermines democracy's necessity for transparency and accountability, as leaders' locations should not be secretive.
- The extreme punishment, seemingly protecting elite interests, mirrors authoritarian practices, bringing the Rule of Law into disrepute.
- Posting personal information about someone on X or WhatsApp, assessed subjectively as harmful, could potentially result in a prison sentence.
- The punishment of 7 years imprisonment for sharing personal information is disproportionate and excessively harsh beyond reasonable measures.
- The Doxxing provisions pose a serious risk to Free Speech due to their broad scope and the chilling effect of potential imprisonment.
- Under this bill, I could face a 7-year prison sentence for stating the biological reality that Roxanne Tickle was previously known as Jason.

It is time to stand up for Australian values and oppose the Privacy Amendment Bill.

Yours,

Kallista Smith

Dear Senate,

I am really worried about the Doxxing Bill. Please do not approve it. I am happy for you to publish this, including with my name.

The following seem to me to be the most serious things for you to think about:

- I believe this provision undermines the Rule of Law by imposing extreme punishments to protect elites, reminiscent of authoritarian practices.
- Posting on X or WhatsApp could inadvertently share prohibited personal information, risking a prison sentence due to the bill's vague coverage rules.
- The Doxxing provisions threaten Free Speech because they broadly restrict speech, including factual statements, with penalties as severe as 7 years imprisonment.
- Punishing me for highlighting facts undermines democracy, as it is essential to know leaders' whereabouts and criticize their conduct like Dan Andrews'.
- By this bill, stating that Roxanne Tickle was once a man named Jason is punishable, underscoring its broad restriction on discussing biological facts.
- The 7-year imprisonment is disproportionate and draconian, as no Western democratic society imposes such severe punishment for stating publicly known facts.

This Doxxing Bill is an affront to Australian democracy. I ask the Senate reject this in the strongest terms or at the least, remove the Doxxing provisions.

Regards,

Katrina Smith

Dear Senate,

I am really concerned about the Doxxing provisions in the Privacy Bill. Here are my concerns. I am happy for you to publish this, including with my name.

These are the main issues that I am worried about:

- \* Stating that Roxanne Tickle was previously a man named Jason is prohibited, potentially resulting in a 7-year prison sentence for dead-naming.
- \* The Doxxing provisions pose a serious risk to Free Speech as the threat of imprisonment for factual statements creates a considerable chilling effect.
- \* Posting on X or Whatsapp could lead to a prison sentence if I share personal information that might subjectively harm someone.
- \* The provision resembles authoritarianism and imposes extreme punishment, seemingly prioritizing elite interests, which undermines the Rule of Law's credibility and fairness.
- \* It is undemocratic to be punished for pointing out facts about Dan Andrews' whereabouts and conduct, as he should be open to criticism.
- \* The level of punishment is disproportionate and draconian as it exceeds doxxing and no Western democracy punishes sharing publicly known facts so severely.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Your fellow Australian,

Michael George

Dear Senate, I am most disappointed with Doxxing Bill. Please do not approve it. I am happy for you to publish this, including with my name. These are the matters that most trouble me: \* The Privacy Bill is inappropriate because it harshly punishes the act of truthfully stating facts with up to 7 years of imprisonment. \* The Doxxing provisions pose a serious risk to Free Speech by potentially imprisoning individuals for 7 years for broadly defined factual statements. \* The arbitrary detention for stating facts undermines democracy and uses privacy as a guise to attack civil liberties, tarnishing the Rule of Law. Please take a strong stand against the Doxxing Bill - it is time to stand up for our Democracy. Kind regards, Ben Makeham

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Doxxing Bill is simply wrong. I ask the Senate do not approve it. Please include my name when you publish this document.

My main arguments are:

- I believe this extreme punishment, seemingly designed to protect elite interests, mirrors authoritarian practices and undermines the Rule of Law's integrity.
- Posting personal information about someone on X or Whatsapp could lead to a prison sentence if it subjectively harms them, per the new bill.
- The bill prohibits me from stating biological realities, like Jason's previous identity as a man, by categorizing such facts as personal information.
- The Doxxing provisions threaten Free Speech by imposing severe penalties, up to 7 years in prison, for a broad range of factual statements.
- It's undemocratic for me to face punishment for pointing out facts, like where Dan Andrews plays golf, as politicians should be open to criticism.
- The punishment is disproportionate and draconian as it excessively penalizes sharing publicly known facts, unlike any Western democratic society's standards.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

with regards,

Anthony Peters