

# Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Stop the Lies) Bill 2022

## The issue:

- Referenda are particularly vulnerable to misinformation and disinformation
- Almost 75% of Australian came across false political advertising during the last election
- Without truth in political advertising laws, **disinformation may pollute the Voice referendum**—as it did the Marriage Equality plebiscite.

## The opportunity:

- **86% of Australians want truth in political advertising laws**
- **There is overwhelming support across the political spectrums**
- **The ‘Stop the Lies’ Bill is based on SA legislation proven to be effective, timely, and constitutionally sound.**

## Why is the Bill necessary?

- This Bill fills a vulnerability in Australia’s electoral law.
- Existing protections against false political advertising are insufficient.
- Extensive research shows that false political advertising is corrosive to our democracy, elections, and referenda.

## Does this infringe the implied freedom of political communication?

- This Bill approaches the regulation of political advertising with caution and respect for our constitutional freedom of political communication.