



# **FREEDOM, PRIVACY & CIVIL LIBERTIES POLICY**



## WHAT WE BELIEVE

All Australians are born free, and that freedom is an inherent right—not a privilege granted by government.

The freedoms secured by previous generations must be defended, preserved, and expanded for future Australians.

Liberty is the foundation of democracy, and without it, democratic institutions lose their legitimacy.

Freedom of speech, freedom of association, and freedom of religious belief are fundamental rights that must not be eroded.

Increasing government overreach—whether justified by security, health, or ideology—poses a serious threat to individual liberty.

Privacy is essential to freedom; without it, there can be no genuine freedom of thought, expression, or belief.

Australians have the right to live their lives without unnecessary surveillance, intrusion, or control by the state. Advances in technology must not come at the cost of basic civil rights.



## OUR POLICIES

Freedom is not self-sustaining—it must be actively defended.

Australians are increasingly subject to surveillance, regulation, and intrusion justified by shifting threats and expanding government power. This policy restores the balance.

It protects individual liberty, strengthens privacy rights, and ensures that government serves the people—not controls them.

Freedom preserved. Privacy protected. Rights restored.

### **Protect and Strengthen Fundamental Freedoms**

Enshrine stronger legal protections for freedom of speech, association, and religion. Review and repeal laws that unnecessarily restrict lawful expression or peaceful assembly. Ensure no Australian is penalised for expressing lawful opinions or beliefs.

### **Rein in Government Overreach**

Conduct a full audit of federal and state laws that expand government powers into private life. Repeal or amend legislation that grants excessive or unchecked authority to government agencies. Ensure all emergency powers are strictly limited in scope, duration, and subject to parliamentary oversight. Audit all emergency powers introduced in last 5 years.

### **Restore and Protect the Right to Privacy**

Establish a strengthened, enforceable right to privacy in Australian law. Limit the ability of government agencies to collect, store, and share personal data without clear justification. Require warrants or judicial oversight for



intrusive surveillance activities. Ensure privacy protections keep pace with technological change. Default opt-out of data collection unless justified.

## **Personal Data Ownership and Control**

Recognise that individuals own their personal data. Require government agencies to provide full disclosure of all personal data held on an individual upon request, at no cost. Grant citizens the right to correct, restrict, or request deletion of their personal data where appropriate. Mandate transparency on how personal data is used, shared, and stored.

## **Regulate Emerging Technologies**

Introduce strict safeguards around the use of artificial intelligence, facial recognition, and biometric technologies. Prohibit mass surveillance systems that monitor citizens without cause. Ensure all new technologies deployed by government are subject to privacy impact assessments and public accountability. Establish clear limits on data matching, data sharing, and large-scale data warehousing.

## **Safeguards Against Misuse of Crisis Powers**

Prevent the use of national emergencies—whether related to security, health, or other crises—as a justification for permanent expansion of government powers. Require all extraordinary powers to be time-limited and subject to independent review. Ensure that rights suspended during emergencies are fully restored once the crisis ends.

## **Transparency and Accountability of Government**

Require government agencies to clearly disclose what data they collect and why. Strengthen oversight mechanisms to prevent misuse of surveillance and data powers. Introduce penalties for unlawful or excessive intrusion into citizens' private lives.



## **Protect Citizens from Unwarranted Intrusion**

Limit regulatory and enforcement actions that unnecessarily intrude into private property or personal affairs. Ensure government agencies act proportionately and with respect for individual rights. Reinforce the principle that citizens are not subjects of the state, but free individuals under the law.