

Statement from a DIGI spokesperson:

DIGI's Discussion Paper poses questions for the public to answer in their submissions, not conclusions. DIGI is mindful that our second planned review of the code takes place after the Government received diverse feedback from tens of thousands of Australians in response to the withdrawn *Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation Bill 2024*.

In 2019, the Government requested that the industry develop a voluntary code on disinformation, which DIGI expanded to include misinformation after feedback in our 2020 public consultation. We'll continue to be guided by public consultation in our periodic code reviews to assess whether the code remains in line with community expectations.

Code signatories continue to take extensive action to address misinformation in Australia, as detailed in their published annual transparency reports, including content removals, labelling, fact checking, boosting authoritative sources, protecting Australian elections and media literacy campaigns.