

Environment and Communications References Committee

Correction to Media Diversity in Australia final report

Tabled on 9 December 2021

At page 76, amend quote in paragraph 5.38

Delete 'the mentality' and insert 'an instrumentality'

The corrected quote to read:

'If we're saying that YouTube is the model that we want our regulator to abide by, that means we are saying that the regulator should be able to shut down a major TV network with 30 minutes notice, with no consultation, no explanation, no written justification and no procedural fairness. To me, that sounds more like an instrumentality in a totalitarian state rather than a liberal democracy.'

At pages 77 and 84, amend quotes in paragraphs 5.44 and 6.13, respectively

Delete '[in suspending Sky News]' and insert '[to ban all news media in February 2021]'

The corrected quotes to read:

'The problem that we've seen with Facebook's actions in the last 24 hours [to ban all news media in February 2021] is that they give us a graphic example of what a very large new media monopoly can do to abuse its power, just as we should be equally mindful of how a continuing media monopoly—that's Murdoch—also abuses its power and has done so for a long period of time'.