



THE SENATE

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INTERFERENCE THROUGH
SOCIAL MEDIA**

**MEDIA RELEASE
Reopening of Submissions**

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The Senate's [Select Committee on Foreign Interference through Social Media](#) is seeking further submissions to its inquiry. The Committee is inquiring into the risks posed to Australia's democracy by foreign interference through social media, with particular reference to:

- a. use of social media for purposes that undermine Australia's democracy and values, including the spread of misinformation;
- b. responses to mitigate the risk posed to Australia's democracy and values, including by the Australian Government and social media platforms;
- c. international policy responses to cyber-enabled foreign interference and misinformation;
- d. the extent of compliance with Australian laws; and
- e. any related matters.

The Committee is particularly interested in submissions that offer potential solutions for implementation by government, digital industry, community, or other institutions to combat foreign interference through social media and cyber-enabled foreign interference. Submissions will be accepted until 31 October 2021.

The Committee anticipates holding further public hearings throughout 2021. Information about those hearings will be made available via the committee's website.

For more information about this Committee, you can visit its [website](#). On the site, you can make a submission to the inquiry, read other submissions, and get details for upcoming public hearings. You can also track the Committee and receive email updates by clicking on the blue 'Track Committee' button in the bottom right hand corner of the page.

For media comment, contact the office of Senator Jenny McAllister, Committee Chair, on 0436 632 388.

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