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Barry Green: [00:00:00] Good morning Barry Green in the studio for Talk of Our Shire, sponsored by the Donnybrook-balingup Chamber of Commerce. It's Wednesday, the 25th of September. Got a busy show today. I'm going to be talking to Louise Kingston MLC, the member for the South West. Going to be talking to David Barker from the community Bank about the pitch night, where the community bank is giving some free money away to two community organisations, and also a bit about some scams that are going around. And I'm going to be talking to Viv McCarthy, the shire president, about items on the agenda for this next meeting. Before I do, I should say that this is a live show, and the views of participants may not necessarily be the views of Dbca or the Donnybrook-balingup Chamber of Commerce and Industry. And thanks to Neil Simpson for running the show last week when I was at Peter Kenyon's Bank of Ideas Reinventing Small Town conference, which was great and I'll do a special program on that in coming weeks. But my first guest this morning is Russell Broadbent, Victorian member of the House of Representatives. G'day Russell.

Russell Broadbent : [00:01:10] G'day Barry. How are you going?

Barry Green: [00:01:11] I'm well, so we've been talking for a while. About well over a year ago, I started talking to you about the misinformation Bill, which is the

misinformation and disinformation bill, the MAD bill. Can you tell our listeners about what's happening there?

Russell Broadbent : [00:01:27] Well, the government has reintroduced the misinformation and disinformation bill into the House.

Russell Broadbent : [00:01:34] And the misinformation disinformation bill. Is government saying that there are people out there, like you and I, who put out misinformation and disinformation in their opinion. Now, I don't know what misinformation is or the definition of disinformation, but I suppose governments may know what the definition of misinformation and disinformation, in fact, what has happened Barry is this that a lot of the so-called misinformation that people were putting out through Covid turns out to be absolutely correct and no conspiracy theory whatsoever. The efficacy of the of the mRNA shot and the safety of them has been questioned around the world, but not so much in Australia. So those things were put out as misinformation. I mean, Barry at the moment, what's the difference? The time between a conspiracy theory and the truth is about a week at the moment.

Barry Green: [00:02:30] Well, I've.

Russell Broadbent : [00:02:31] So. Go on

Barry Green: [00:02:31] I've been having conversations on this program since early 2022 questioning the injection and the mandates. All those conversations are online, for the record. And while they would have been considered misinformation at the time, they don't look like that now. So I've been told by the Community Broadcast Association of Australia that this misinformation bill does not apply to community radio stations, which is great, but the question remains, where do I stand with this content that I've posted online? Post the program?

Russell Broadbent : [00:03:08] Well that's right. And I would put to you that community radio is protected until such time. It's not because what we're finding with with the commissioner, particularly where under Malcolm Turnbull, she was set up to, to protect children from violence or misuse or inappropriate posts on the net, she hers was purely about protecting children, and Malcolm gave her \$10 million to do that for her, for her

commission. And that that commission now has \$50 million, and she has spread her net to all communication on the net, especially any communication that is directed at her. So, you know, um, things can the reason we check and check and check legislation is that so when you put yourself in a position, two things how will this affect my children and grandchildren, or could it affect them and in the wrong hands, how how could it be used against the population? So when you talk misinformation and disinformation, bill, somebody that you and I don't know, a bureaucrat, which they've named the bureaucratic organization that's going to be now to fulfill their role, they've got to find they've got to spend their whole day finding this and disinformation. Well, go looking for it.

Barry Green: [00:04:39] It's well, I'll make it easy for your job. I'll have all these conversations I've had on this program for the last three years are online. I've created a playlist which I'm calling Doctors and Nurses With voices. So when I post this conversation online, um, Russell, I'll include a link to that, that playlist. It'll make it a bit easier for ASIO or whoever's looking to find the the conversations in question, but our federal member is Nola marino, the member for Forrest, and I've been talking to her about my concerns with this issue, and she has replied in an email. So I'd just like to read that if that's all right with you. Yeah. Um, so this is from Nola marino. Uh, like she says. Hi, Barry like my colleagues, my coalition colleagues. I support the right to freedom of speech for ordinary Australians. But what I do know is that the latest version of Labor's misinformation bill is a clear threat to our freedom of speech. Under this bill, the honestly held opinions of ordinary Australians can be treated as misinformation. This is appalling. However, if you're an academic, something you say can't be called misinformation.

Barry Green: [00:05:42] But if you're an ordinary Australian who disagrees with an academic, it can be misinformation. Even worse, under this new version of the bill, the Minister for communications has the power to personally order misinformation investigations and misinformation hearings of her choosing. These are extraordinary provisions in a democracy. We have been reviewing the government's misinformation bill, Mark two, which is only introduced into Parliament last week. It will then be taken through to the coalition's internal processes, like every other bill. As I've said during the review of the bill, we've uncovered significant issues with the legislation and will not agree to a bill which compromises legitimate political speech. This is a fundamental

issue for our democracy. We know that citizens of websites will be captured by this law and be liable for fines. Podcasters are also included, and they will need to check whether or not something might be judged misinformation before using it. As you would know, the last bill was a shocking piece of legislation so bad that 24,000 people sent in submissions and responses to overwhelmingly criticise it. So it does seem to have galvanised Australians into action there. Um, Russell?

Russell Broadbent : [00:06:57] Well, Barry, let me say this. I hold Nolan Nola marino in the highest regard. I've never met a harder working Member of Parliament in my 25 years as Nola marino. Is she? She has common sense and puts people first. And I enjoyed hearing that letter. But I take you back to when I had to write a letter to every parliamentarian because my own side was proposing the same misinformation disinformation bill. I was a liberal at the time and nothing was being said about it. I wrote to Dutton, I got a phone call back to say, this is our response, and I thought that wasn't good enough. So I wrote out all the values of the Liberal Party and said how this misinformation and disinformation bill offends these values. And I sent that not only to Peter Dutton, I sent it to every parliamentarian in the parliament, senator, member, labor, Liberal, independents, the whole lot. And all of a sudden my side were decided they'd better be against the bill. But they had to be. They had to be drawn, kicking and screaming. Now we've got to a point where Nola Nolan Marino can write a letter like that, which is very supportive of the position that I took 12 months ago. You know, look, I never pat myself on the back, and it's not a not a process of that. It's just to say that, you know, our side were not as supportive as they seem to be sounding now at last.

Barry Green: [00:08:19] Well, better late than never.

Russell Broadbent : [00:08:20] I guess it's better late than never. But that's really not the point. It's, you know, I think we were weak on the live sheep trade because I've always been saying, you give, you give in, you give in on the live sheep trade. The live cattle trade will be next. Let's get rid of this dog.

Barry Green: [00:08:37] Yeah, right.

Russell Broadbent : [00:08:38] You and your listeners.

Barry Green: [00:08:39] This is interesting. As I mentioned in the intro, I attended Peter Kenyon's Bank of Ideas Small Town Reinvention conference last week. And, you know, these things are happening across Australia, but the cities can't exist without economically and environmentally sustainable rural communities. There seems to be this disconnect. And, you know, this could this could get quite messy.

Russell Broadbent : [00:09:01] Well Australia is is yes a very big country. And in compared to that where I live in Victoria it's rather small. But Victoria's range is small compared to the the mighty states of Western Australia and Queensland and New South Wales to that degree. But these rural areas are vital to the sustainability of practically everything we do, everything we do, you know, it supplies the oil, the mining, the food, the exports, everything that makes Australia great. And that's why we've got to put a lot of effort into sustaining the good industries that we have. And the live sheep trade has had amazing changes to it over the last 15 years, and everything that the Greens and the others asked for. We've done the animal rights people asked for, we've done. And because these people can never, ever, ever be appeased, never be appeased. They've got the Labour Party in power and they say, right, we want our pennies worth out of the Labour Party. Now we want to get rid of the live sheep trade. Well, I'm warning everybody, I'm warning you now. The live cattle trade will be next. And you know how important that is to the nation. At least the Libs and Nats have committed to continuing the live sheep trade if they're re-elected. And I hope they are.

Barry Green: [00:10:23] Watching this whole thing play out over the last few years. And talk of censorship and misinformation and disinformation. The conversations I've had on this program, um, and the talk of censorship. But my take on it is that really the mainstream media is complicit in it. And it's not that there wasn't censorship. And I never received an edict from the government saying I couldn't talk about vaccines or mandates. It was commercial censorship. The mainstream media is funded by companies advertising pharmaceutical products, gambling, soft drinks and all these things that are leading to sickness and and this is what's happened. Whereas Community Radio and the new independent media that's evolving, I guess we're all searching for our economic model. But Community Radio is providing a voice for community and small business, where the mainstream media has pretty much become the voice of the corporations.

Russell Broadbent : [00:11:20] Well, also, what's happened with the mainstream media is that it's slowly withdrawing from rural communities. I mean, I shouldn't even say slowly withdrawing from they're pulling out 100 miles an hour. So they're leaving rural communities out there to other forms of media for people to get their opportunity. Yeah.

Barry Green: [00:11:39] Well, they basically the region and I was a tech at GWN television, which broadcast all over regional Western Australia. And, you know, across the board, these regionally owned and operated stations have been bought by the corporations and shut down again. That makes community radio really, really important.

Russell Broadbent : [00:11:57] That's right. Because. Because actually they're not viable.

Barry Green: [00:12:01] Well, they used to be.

Russell Broadbent : [00:12:03] And the big corporations, the big corporations don't want them because they're not viable.

Barry Green: [00:12:07] But they bought out. They bought out what had previously been operating stations and. Yeah. Anyway, uh, the community stations, we do have to pay our bills, Russell. So I'll just run a few sponsor messages and the song, and we'll come back and continue the conversation. Yep

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Barry Green: [00:14:06] Poor boy. On DVR talk of our Shire. Sponsored by the Donnybrook-Balingup Chamber of Commerce. My guest this morning is Russell Broadbent, a member of the House of Representatives in Victoria, talking about the misinformation bill. So, Russell, I think people should be concerned about this. If people are concerned about it, what can they do?

Russell Broadbent : [00:14:27] Pretty simple really. Write to your local members, state and federal, and just tell them you don't like this bill to defend freedom of speech. You don't care how you say it, just in your own language and get your local government people on board. Never forget your local government people and how important they are, because they're representatives in your community, just the same as everybody else. Attended the PM. The Prime Minister of Australia, with your concerns on the misinformation disinformation bill. Politicians just hate. Hate getting, um. Uh, it doesn't have to be a campaign. A letter or a email from an individual is far more important than one of those, you know, mass campaigns where they all say the same thing. Politicians dismiss those, but they can't dismiss individual emails from people right across Australia. And we know thousands and thousands and thousands of people are offended by this legislation. But of the thousands, only 5% will put take the time to write an email or a letter. Um. So what? Well, there was one one fellow, did he? He got hold

of my letter to the PM that I recently wrote on DNA contamination in the in the so-called vaccines, and he took it to his local chemist and said, what about this letter from Russell Broadbent to the Prime Minister? Have you got any comment on this? Because you, you know, it could be because you've been injecting these vaccinations and you're still offering to inject these vaccinations.

Russell Broadbent : [00:16:00] Then he has led the Prime minister and is backed up by, um, already about 25 people at that stage. And I think it's now up to 83 eminent people have backed signed off on the letter as well as myself, because this time I didn't want just to let her, coming from a politician, Russell Broadbent to prime minister can be dismissed. I want it backed up by eminent professionals in their in their stream of activity, in their stream of work. And that's what we have. So get hold of the letter off my website, have a look who's, um, endorsed that letter and then, um, go to the PM and go to anybody, even go to your doctor and say, look, this letter has gone to the PM. What do you think about this? Yeah. Make people start to think about not only the vaccines, but the misinformation and disinformation bill. You can do the same thing with. Yep. And say to anybody in authority, I'm going to be cut off. Barry you can be cut off. I know you can. Um, people like, um, club shrubbery. They can be just taken off. Off? Because it doesn't fit community standards yet. Anybody in academia. Now, they haven't always been right about everything. I don't I don't think they're right about climate change at this stage. I'm sure they're not. Climate's been changing forever and will continue to change.

Barry Green: [00:17:18] Well, Club Shrubbery is an interesting one because all of their posts and, uh, Graham Hood and John Larter have been talking to so many experts, the people that used to talk to the ABC, but you don't see on the ABC anymore and all of their broadcasts. There's also a PDF of the transcript, and they can all be downloaded and printed and shared around and from Western Australia. We've got the Light Australian newspaper, which is a hard copy newspaper, um, that that's out there. And so, you know, this idea that we can control information like this so that flies in the face of all democratic principles.

Russell Broadbent : [00:17:57] It does. But they do try to control information, which we saw that even the Morrison government was controlling information that went out on the net, and they were working with the metadata companies, um, to to only put out positive messages about the government's narrative. That is a disgrace. Yeah, that is a

disgrace. You know, Australian Australians have been the not only the place of the fair go, but the the place of the, the renegade, uh, going right back to the Boer War and the Anzac spirit, the Australians and the Anzac spirit that was there. And we believed. I believed in that. I believed wholeheartedly. I couldn't believe the way the nation just rolled over in the way that they did during Covid and allowed the lockdowns and allowed the mandates and allowed to get away with what they got away with in Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, the whole shebang was a disgrace. Broke my heart, actually.

Barry Green: [00:18:55] Yeah, I share your pain. But out of this has come the Australian aligned Council of Australia with Amps, the Australian Medical professional Society. I'm part of that and what Amps is saying now there's only about 2% of Australians are officially fully vaxed as in, you know, got 6 or 7 Covid jabs. So by by the pharmaceutical industry's definition of an anti-vaxxer, that 98% of Australians are now anti-vaxxers.

Russell Broadbent : [00:19:24] And I think Australians have woken up and they're questioning the whole vaccination regime. Yep, especially for children. And we've been confronting that most recently. So, um, I'm perhaps we are moving in the right direction. I think the flood of truth, the stream is an ever rising stream of truth coming out around the world. Yep. And this is this is going to overwhelm eventually the misinformation we've been given.

Speaker6: [00:19:51] Yep.

Barry Green: [00:19:51] And, you know, this is how things happen in history. We assume they happen slowly, but they don't. It's like the Berlin Wall. Things get to a tipping point and then things change.

Russell Broadbent : [00:20:01] Well, when Ronald Reagan called for that wall to be torn down, it was two years later. It was.

Barry Green: [00:20:08] But Ronald Reagan introduced the the indemnity to pharmaceutical companies for damage done by vaccines. So it's a double edged sword isn't it.

Russell Broadbent : [00:20:18] Yeah. It's a double edged sword but and we've paid a very heavy price for that because if you're indemnified for anything you just have a go at anything and do what you like. Yeah.

Barry Green: [00:20:28] And I guess it raises the question now that the Prime Minister indemnified the pharmaceutical industry for this vaccine, of which he bought 200 million for 25 million Australians. But now courts in America are ruling that it wasn't a vaccine. Does the the indemnity to the pharmaceutical company still apply? And maybe people that have been damaged by this injection should be going after the pharmaceutical companies, not the long suffering Australian taxpayer.

Russell Broadbent : [00:20:57] Well, you've got to have the money to do that, and that's always a difficulty. And in all things, follow the money to benefit.

Speaker6: [00:21:03] Yeah.

Barry Green: [00:21:04] Okay. Russell. Well, thanks for taking the time to talk to us today and.

Russell Broadbent : [00:21:09] To talk to you again. And all my best to beautiful Western Australia.

Barry Green: [00:21:13] Thanks, Russell. I've been talking to Russell Broadbent, a Victorian member of the House of Representatives, on Talk of Our Shire.

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