



FREEDOM, LIBERTY AND PRIVACY FEDERAL POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party was founded on the basic belief that all citizens are born free, should remain free and freedom is an inherent right of all Australians. Our parents and grandparents fought for freedom and our party believes this inherited right must be defended and expanded.

Our freedom and liberty underwrite our democracy. We are seeing a never-ending erosion of our freedom of speech, freedom of association and freedom of religious belief. Government and its institutions are forever encroaching, directly and indirectly into these freedoms. This lessens our democracy and empowers the political elites and influential minority groups.

All citizens should be able to live privately, not fearing the encroachment of Government or its agencies, their unnecessary intrusion at the behest of minority groups bent on control. Privacy is of the utmost importance. Without individual privacy there can be no freedom of thought, no freedom of speech and ultimately no democratic rights at all.

Increasingly Governments State and Federal have been using the growing threat of terrorism and now COVID 19 as a reason and excuse for further unfettered encroachment on privacy and civil rights. This must be curtailed. Ever increasing and expanding technological development and unfettered deployment forces the need for detailed rights and protections. This is especially in areas such as artificial intelligence, facial recognition, data sharing and matching, warehousing and cloud technology.

There must be a strengthening of the legislated right to privacy, ownership of personal data and the right to require full disclosure from Government and its instrumentalities of personal data and information on notice at no cost. The coercive power of the state makes it imperative all citizens know and understand what information or data the state holds, how it is used and if necessary, the compulsory requirement of removal and deletion.



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The ownership of data must always reside with the citizens, especially as it relates to data and information held by private enterprise. It must be open to scrutiny, correction and ultimately deletion at the behest of the citizen owners of the data or information, at no personal cost.



OUR ACTION PLAN

It is the intent of Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party to define in legislation the protections that must be put in place to protect a free society.

1. Write and implement an Australian Bill of Human Rights that will protect the legal rights of all Australian citizens and residents.
2. That these rights be inalienable and actionable by citizens of Australia in protection of those rights.
3. Implement freedom of the press, media and social media legislation, regardless of platform, that will grant protection to the Fourth Estate, guaranteeing commercial independence and freedom of expression. The party will give preference of media freedom to private enterprise in any market, ahead of government-controlled entities or channels. The reach of government owned media outlets must be limited and where already existing must have a balanced voice.
4. Promote privacy legislation that defines ownership of personal data and information, its use, dissemination scrutiny and ultimately its removal at the behest of the citizen or group of citizens effected.