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## Sky News Australia denies broadcasting Covid misinformation, saying YouTube is 'totalitarian' | The Guardian

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Sky News Australia has denied broadcasting Covid misinformation, telling a parliamentary hearing that YouTube's removal of 23 videos of the broadcaster was "totalitarian" and lacking in transparency.

Chief executive officer Paul Whittaker told the media diversity inquiry it "now appears commonplace to discredit any debate on contentious issues as 'misinformation'" and vigorously defended Sky's right to present a range of views on treatments such as ivermectin.

"Most of those videos concerning the YouTube policy breaches were reflecting a discussion that was taking place in the scientific and medical community worldwide, and amongst health practitioners and lawmakers both in this country and overseas," Whittaker said.

'We don't deny climate change', says Sky News boss at Senate inquiry - video

A former editor of the Daily Telegraph and the Australian, Whittaker revealed Sky News had commissioned a documentary examining climate change and the zero net emissions issue.

"We don't deny climate change, I accept climate change is happening," Whittaker said. "The question is, what is the solution?

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