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Analysis of Australian fact checking organisations from 2019 to 2024

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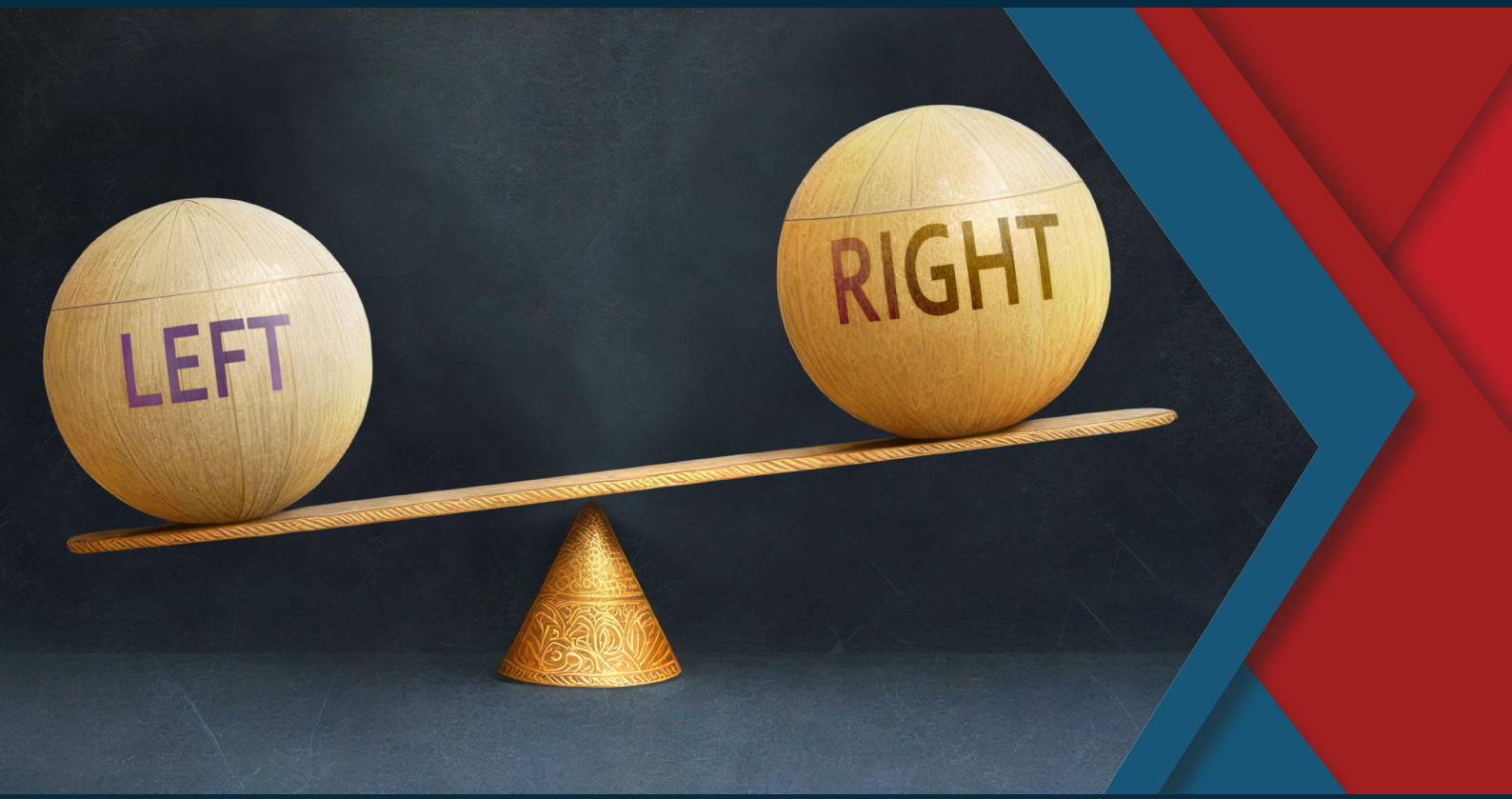

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Executive summary

Under the federal government's proposed Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023, social media companies can be penalised by the Australian Communications and Media Authority for failing to remove "misinformation" and "disinformation" from their platforms.

It is expected that the social media companies will outsource to fact checking organisations—namely, RMIT ABC Fact Check, AAP FactCheck, and RMIT FactLab—the responsibility for adjudicating whether content amounts to misinformation or disinformation.

This analysis is a two-stage examination of all publicly listed and available fact check investigations posted online up to 9 February 2024 to determine whether Australia's fact checking organisations have exhibited partisan political bias or preferential treatment in three policy areas: climate policy, Covid policy, and on issues relating to identity and sexuality.

The first stage of the analysis is an assessment of how often the fact checking organisations investigated claims by politicians and whether their verdicts favoured the political left or the political right. The analysis found:

- 65% of fact checking investigations delivered verdicts that were favourable to left-of-centre politicians compared to only 35% that were favourable to right-of-centre politicians.

The second stage of the analysis tested whether the different results identified in the first stage were due to a partisan or ideological bias. This was tested by examining whether fact checking investigations relating to Covid-19 policy, climate policy, and identity and sexuality policy targeted advocates—which are generally left-of-centre viewpoints—or critics—which are generally right-of-centre viewpoints. The analysis found:

- 502 of 534 (94%) fact checking investigations relating to Covid-19 claims targeted critics of the official response to the pandemic. This indicates a significant proportion of fact checking activity during this period was committed to bolstering support for government responses to the pandemic, and minimal scrutiny of claims made by governments or efforts to hold governments to account.
- 124 of 153 (81%) fact checking investigations relating to climate change and energy policy targeted critics, and almost none of the controversial claims made by activists, such as predictions of imminent catastrophe, are investigated by the fact checkers.
- Of the 17 investigations into claims relating to identity and sexuality—another policy focus of the political left—16 investigations targeted critics of the political left's position on these matters.
- RMIT FactLab engaged in 32 investigations relating to Covid-19 and climate change and energy policy, and all 32 (100%) were directed against critics of official Covid-19 and climate change and energy policies.

The disproportionate focus on one side of these policy debates cannot be justified on the basis that only one side of the debate is making contentious claims or that only one side of the debate is prone to error. The only rational explanation for why just 62 of 703 claims investigated were targeted towards advocates of climate, Covid-19, and identity policies is ideological bias.

As private organisations, the fact checkers are free to express whatever view they wish on any matter they choose. But under the government's proposed internet censorship laws, their position of unofficial arbiters of what is true or false on the internet will be made official, and they will be granted greater power to influence important public debates.

Given their demonstrable bias over a significant period of time, there should be no role for these organisations in arbitrating what is or is not 'true' on the internet.

Table 1: Investigations relating to Australian politicians and political parties

	CLAIMS INVESTIGATED	VERDICTS FAVOURING POLITICAL LEFT	VERDICTS FAVOURING POLITICAL RIGHT
AAP FactCheck	94	62 (66%)	32 (32%)
RMIT FactLab	14	8 (57%)	6 (43%)
RMIT ABC Fact Check	141	93 (66%)	48 (34%)
Total	249	163 (65%)	86 (35%)

Table 2: Investigations relating to Covid-19 policy

	CLAIMS INVESTIGATED	INVESTIGATION OF CLAIMS BY CRITICS	INVESTIGATION OF CLAIMS BY ADVOCATES
AAP FactCheck	305	294 (96%)	11 (4%)
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Total	534	502 (94%)	32 (6%)

Table 3: Investigations relating to climate change and energy policy

	CLAIMS INVESTIGATED	INVESTIGATION OF CLAIMS BY CRITICS	INVESTIGATION OF CLAIMS BY ADVOCATES
AAP FactCheck	110	90 (82%)	20 (18%)
RMIT FactLab	9	9 (100%)	0 (0%)
RMIT ABC Fact Check	34	25 (74%)	9 (26%)
Total	153	124 (81%)	29 (19%)

Empowering the fact checkers

Former New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern infamously asserted at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020 that 'we will continue to be your single source of truth'.[1] Subsequent events made it very clear that government agencies were anything but a source of unadulterated truth during the pandemic, frequently misleading the public and adopting responses that were ineffective, counterproductive, draconian, and economically disastrous.

But despite this failure of government policy, Australia is in the process of enshrining the principle that there is a single source of government approved truth. In 2023, the federal government released an exposure draft the Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023. The bill would require social media companies to submit codes of practice to a government agency, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), detailing their internal systems and processes for combatting misinformation and disinformation on their platforms, including how they prevent or respond to misinformation, their use of technology to do so, and their support of fact checking. The ACMA would be empowered to register codes of practice and to penalise social media companies if they fail to comply with these codes of practice. If the ACMA determines that a code is deficient or ineffective in some way, it may instead impose an industry standard on the company to which it must comply.

In practice, the social media companies will not generally make misinformation determinations about content on their platforms. Instead, the social media companies will outsource this task to external third parties which purport to specialise in assessing content for accuracy: namely, fact checking organisations. In Australia, the main fact checking organisations are AAP FactCheck, RMIT FactLab, and RMIT ABC Fact Check.

That the factchecking organisations will play a critical role in the administration of the proposed misinformation laws is reinforced in government documents obtained under a freedom of information (FOI) request. The document, a letter from the Minister for Communications Michelle Rowland to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, explained that under the bill, the communications minister would have the power 'to direct the ACMA to commence investigations under the Broadcasting Services Act 1992 and generally under the Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005'.[2]

This means in practice that if there were a perceived shortcoming in how social media companies were meeting their obligations to address misinformation, the communications minister would be able direct the ACMA to exercise coercive information gathering powers that include the removal of the right to silence and the removal of the privilege against self-incrimination. An attachment to the FOI letter also demonstrates that the fact checking organisations are expected to play a central role within the new legislation, so much so that the AMCA will be given a power to request information from third parties, which the communications minister specifically identifies as applying to 'fact-checkers':

> This bill includes an additional power that allows the ACMA to request information from 'other persons' such as fact-checkers or other third-party contractors to monitor compliance with misinformation codes, misinformation standards and digital platform rules. This would improve transparency and accountability with access to additional information providing scope for the ACMA to assess the validity of any claims made by digital platforms. It will also improve the ACMA's ability to assess whether signatories to the voluntary industry code are meeting their obligations.[3]

1 Jacinda Ardern, "Question No. 1 – Prime Minister," New Zealand Parliament, 2 September 2020, https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/hansard-debates/rhr/document/HansS_20200902_050580000/1-question-no-1-prime-minister.

2 Michelle Rowland, *Letter to the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese* (Commonwealth of Australia, FOI Letter, 1 June 2023), 2, https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/FOI24-144-document.pdf.

3 Michelle Rowland, *Letter to the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese – Attachment B* (Commonwealth of Australia, FOI Letter, 1 June 2023), 4, https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/FOI24-144-document.pdf

Investigating the fact checkers

Separate investigations in 2023 by the IPA and Sky News Australia have already revealed the biased role the main Australian fact checking organisations play in respect to public discourse. A Sky News Australia report on 23 August 2023, the *Fact Check Files*, revealed a number of financial and regulatory abnormalities afflicting the three main fact checking organisations.[4] It also highlighted the clear bias of a number of prominent staff members of these organisations.

> Former ABC journalist Russell Skelton now heads the RMIT FactLab which has a commercial contract with Meta to police content on its chief platform, Facebook ... Skelton is unashamedly partisan on social media, and has published dozens of tweets criticising conservative viewpoints and the journalists he has been tasked with fact checking ...
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> An activist researcher, who is campaigning for the Voice, is fronting a research hub at the University of Adelaide which is fully financed by the Australians for a Murdoch Royal Commission group, which is headed up by former Liberal prime minister Malcolm Turnbull and founded by former Labor prime minister Kevin Rudd ... Ms Fielding – who has a PhD in communications – is in charge of analysing and fact checking media coverage of the Voice.[5]

The Sky News Australia investigation also shone a light on the opaque nature of the international organisation whose stated purpose is to regulate the Australian fact checkers, the International Fact-Check Network (IFCN). It is by signing the IFCN's code of principles and being accepted into this network that the fact checkers are given quasi-official status.

The IFCN code of principles mandate that signatories uphold commitments to fairness and impartiality. This includes that they 'not concentrate their fact-checking unduly on any one side'.[6] Previously, the IPA analysed all 187 fact checking investigations conducted by the three main Australian fact checking organisations related to the 2023 Voice referendum debate, to see if they complied with this requirement to 'not unduly target one side of the debate'.[7] The investigation revealed a clear bias against and overwhelming focus on proponents of the No case in the referendum. This would be consistent with Sky News Australia's investigation that these organisations are largely staffed by left-wing activists, journalists, and academics.

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4 Jack Houghton, "The Fact Check Files: Inside the secretive and lucrative fact checking industry behind a foreign-funded bid to censor Voice Debate," *Sky News,* 23 August 2023, https://www.skynews.com.au/business/media/the-fact-check-files-inside-the-secretive-and-lucrative-fact-checking-industry-behind-a-foreignfunded-bid-to-censor-voice-debate/news-story/31915e1eb03b029b86a2f03aac19338b.

5 Houghton, "The Fact Check Files".

6 International Fact Checking Network, Guidelines for Applications: The IFCN Code of Principles (Online, accessed 12 February 2024): https://drive.google.com/file/d/1e-A_AmU3B3G8cbC9NfKSY0nH1zfWeH67/view.

7 John Storey and Margaret Chambers, *The Arbiters of Truth: Analysis of fact checking organisations during the 2023 Voice Referendum* (Institute of Public Affairs, Research Report, November 2023).

The Fact Check Files' assertion that Australian fact checking organisations are staffed by progressive academics and journalists would be consistent with the findings of a Harvard study that surveyed 150 misinformation 'experts' on their views, with the experts ranging across academia in fields such as journalism, communication and media science, political science, psychology, computational social sciences and so on.[8] These experts generally agreed that social media worsened the problem of misinformation and supported actions that could be taken to combat it, such as fact checking, platform design changes, content moderation, and deplatforming prominent actors that spread misinformation.[9] Out of the 150 experts surveyed, 84 per cent leaned strongly toward the left of the political spectrum, indicating that the support for censoring misinformation through fact checking is popular among left-wing academics.[10] The fact that 84 per cent of the misinformation experts surveyed were identified as leaning strongly towards the left also suggests that individuals with progressive political beliefs tend to be more interested in the fields of misinformation and fake news than individuals with right-wing political beliefs.

Despite the dubious relevance of being admitted to the IFCN, social media companies use this accreditation to justify relying on the verdicts of the investigations conducted by accredited fact checkers to censor online content. But this is a voluntary process. The social media companies are not legally obligated to censor any particular item of alleged 'misinformation' or to rely on 'fact checkers' to do so.

However, under the government's proposed internet censorship laws, social media companies will be obligated to censor misinformation and, based on Minister Rowland's comments in the FOI letter, the fact checkers will indeed have a prominent role within the legislation to monitor compliance with codes of practice and industry standards.

Given this greatly expanded role for fact checkers under the government's proposed misinformation laws, it is appropriate to expand the scope of the IPA's previous analysis into fact checking organisation during the Voice to parliament referendum to other significant policy areas, as well as to partisan political debate more generally.

8 Sacha Altay, Manon Berriche, Hendrik Heuer et al, "A survey of expert views on misinformation: Definitions, determinants, solutions and future of the field," *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review* Vol 4, no. 4 (2023): 1-34, https://misinforeview.hks.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/altay_survey_expert_views_misinfo_20230727.pdf.

9 Ibid, 3.

10 Ibid, 15.

Analysis of fact checker investigations

The research showed that, excluding claims relating to the Voice referendum debate, there was a heavy emphasis by the fact checkers on three areas:

- Claims made by or against politicians and political parties;
- Issues relevant to the Covid-19 pandemic and the official responses to that pandemic; and
- Climate change and energy policy.

In all three areas, overwhelming bias was observed against right-of-centre viewpoints and against critics of official, government-supported narratives.

***Table 4:** Investigations relating to Australian politicians and political parties*

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With regard to claims made by or against politicians or political parties, there were 249 claims investigated across the three organisations. Of these investigations, the verdicts of 163, or 65 per cent, were favourable to the political left. The verdicts of only 86, or 35 per cent, were favourable to the political right. The margin of difference is significant, with fact checkers demonstrating a disproportionate scrutiny of the political right and a bias in favour of the political left by issuing more than twice as many verdicts that favoured the political left than the political right.

Under Australia's two-party Westminster system, the two main political parties have a similar prominence in parliament and the media, and tend to receive similar public scrutiny. The idea that over a five-year period, and at both state and federal levels of government, one side of politics was so much more prone to error or so much more in need of scrutiny—to the tune of a 30 percentage point margin of difference—is implausible. A more reasonable explanation for such a large difference is the political predispositions of those undertaking the investigations. This can be tested by assessing the activities of fact checkers in policy areas that have readily identifiable left-wing and right-wing perspectives.

Table 5: Investigations relating to Covid-19 policy

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Covid-19 received significant attention from the fact checkers, with 534 claims investigated across the three organisations. Of these claims, 94 per cent were directed at critics of the official narrative and responses to the pandemic.

All three fact checkers almost always found claims made by critics of Covid-19 policy to be false.

- AAP FactCheck found 91 per cent of critics' claims false.
- RMIT FactLab found 91 per cent of critics' claims false.
- RMIT ABC Fact Check found 93 per cent of critics' claims false.

In contrast, the fact checkers scrutinised the claims made by advocates of official Covid-19 responses less frequently compared to critics, and when they did scrutinise advocates, the verdicts were more favourable.

- For RMIT ABC Fact Check, 38 per cent of claims fact checked against advocates of Covid-19 policy were found to be false.
- RMIT FactLab did not investigate any claims made by advocates of Covid-19 policy.
- AAP FactCheck investigated eleven claims made by advocates of Covid-19 policy and found 82 per cent to be false.

It is clear that the fact checkers have committed a significant proportion of their fact checking activities to bolstering support for the official Covid-19 measures adopted by governments.

Government responses to Covid-19 remain some of the most controversial and hotly debated policy issues in recorded history. While there were varied criticisms of official Covid-19 policies, including the mandatory use of face masks, mandatory testing procedures, and other medical procedures, business closures and restrictions on movement such as lockdowns and curfews, and the need for economic stimulus to counteract the financial harm of these policies, these voices were outweighed by the powerful institutions, such as governments, public health bodies, the media, and academia, who advocated for a greater government response to Covid-19 and amplified modelling or other claims that the virus would spread rapidly without these measures. However, the institutions justifying imposing the policies received little scrutiny from the fact checkers. For example, state premiers, such as former Victorian premier Daniel Andrews, conducted daily press conferences in which the premier and health officials made assertions about the efficacy or need for the measures that governments were implementing. Yet, the three Australian fact checkers only fact checked advocates of government policies on 32 occasions, indicating the fact checkers were primarily concerned with reinforcing the policies and priorities of governments.

Claims these measures were based on 'the science' or other studies were not examined, even when they contradicted previous government positions. For example, early in the pandemic, various government officials claimed face masks were ineffective against the virus, but later they became mandated by those same governments. When this inconsistency was pointed out, AAP FactCheck even conducted a fact check investigation of that assertion on 9 July 2021, concluding it was 'Missing Context'.[11] The inconsistency was blamed on the fact that 'the advice on masks has evolved'.

When AAP FactCheck considered a critic of Covid-19 measures to be wrong, they did not hesitate to simply label their content as 'False'. But when the government reversed its decision, thus proving it was either previously wrong, currently wrong, or that there must be some ambiguity as to the effectiveness of masks, the previous error was glossed over and dismissed as simply a reflection of an 'evolving' situation. One may contemplate how many other claims deemed 'false' by the fact checkers have now 'evolved' to be completely true.

Table 6: Investigations relating to climate change and energy policy

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With regard to investigations relating to climate change and energy policy, there were similar results: an overwhelming number of investigations targeting one side of the debate. IPA analysis found that a total of 153 claims were investigated, 81 per cent of which were targeted at critics of the climate change and energy policies supported by the political left. This includes promoting a narrative that human made carbon emissions will result in dangerous climate change, that fossil fuel energy sources should be phased out, the promotion of so-called renewable sources of energy such as wind turbines and solar panels (but not nuclear power) and the adoption of other methods to reduce our carbon footprint.

As with Covid-19, some of the claims and assertions made in support of the climate change agenda are controversial and the policy responses are hotly debated. Yet, across the three Australian fact checking organisations, only 19 per cent of all climate change and energy related claims that were investigated assessed claims made by advocates of climate change action.

Across all three fact checking organisations, not a single claim made by critics of climate change and energy policy was found to be true. This stands in stark contrast to claims made by advocates, with AAP FactCheck finding 75 per cent of claims made by advocates to be true, RMIT ABC Fact Check finding 44 per cent to be true, and RMIT FactLab failing to examine a single claim made by an advocate of climate change and energy policy.

11 AAP FactCheck, 'Reheated news clip obscures up-to-date advice on masks', *AAP FactCheck*, 9 July 2021, https://www.aap.com.au/factcheck/reheated-news-clip-obscures-up-to-date-advice-on-masks/.

Table 7: Investigations relating to identity and sexuality

	CLAIMS INVESTIGATED	INVESTIGATION OF CLAIMS BY CRITICS	INVESTIGATION OF CLAIMS BY ADVOCATES
AAP FactCheck	8	7 (88%)	1 (12%)
RMIT FactLab	5	5 (100%)	0 (0%)
RMIT ABC Fact Check	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)
Total	17	16 (94%)	1 (6%)

There were fewer investigations into issues of identity and sexuality. But of the 17 claims, 16 were targeted at critics of the agenda of the political left. Tellingly, the only investigation that was characterised as targeted at advocates were comments made by a Liberal prime minister, Scott Morrison, whose claim that a Labor Party policy would harm gay people was deemed to be 'misleading'.

Across these three contentious policy areas, the total results were as follows.

Table 8: Total investigations relating to Covid-19, climate change and energy, and identity and sexuality issues

	CLAIMS INVESTIGATED	INVESTIGATION OF CLAIMS BY CRITICS	INVESTIGATION OF CLAIMS BY ADVOCATES
AAP FactCheck	424	391 (92%)	32 (7%)
RMIT FactLab	37	37 (100%)	0 (0%)
RMIT ABC Fact Check	243	213 (88%)	30 (12%)
Total	703	641 (91%)	62 (9%)

This research does not attempt to refute or debunk any particular finding by the fact checkers. The purpose of this analysis is to show the overwhelming focus on one side of these debates, in clear breach of the requirement of the IFCN code of principles to 'not concentrate their fact-checking unduly on any one side'.

Based on the investigations made by the fact checkers in respect to Covid-19, climate change, and identity politics, one of the following conclusions must be reached:

1. Despite being highly polarising and hotly contested political debates, only one side of those debates is prone to making errors or stating falsehoods; or

2. The fact checkers are almost solely focused on targeting one side of the debate for political reasons.

The first conclusion can easily be disproven. For example, in a recent article entitled 'The end of the world is not around the corner', Fraser Myers identifies more than fifteen historical and contemporary examples of false claims made about an impending climate catastrophe (everything from an ice age, to the creation of new deserts, to the current obsession with global warning).[12] This includes these contemporary claims:

- Activist Greta Thunberg's claim we face a "mass extinction event".
- The claim by Roger Hallam, co-founder of Extinction Rebellion, that "I am talking about the slaughter, death and starvation of six billion people this century".
- The claim by documentary film maker David Attenborough that "collapse of our civilisations and the extinction of much of the natural world is on the horizon".

This litany of inaccurate predictions and hyperbole leads Myers to conclude that warnings by current leaders such as United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres that we are entering a period of 'global boiling' should be treated as similarly absurd. Yet, these claims have not been investigated by the fact checkers. Despite the fact checkers collectively launching no less than 153 investigations into claims made about climate change and energy policy, not one of the many examples of false predictions about impending catastrophe, or the other frequent exaggerations like 'global boiling', were ever considered by the fact checkers.

That there are clear examples of statements ranging from the questionable to the blatantly false on one side of a debate, yet these assertions are never investigated by the fact checkers, is highly suggestive that how and when fact checking investigations are undertaken is primarily based on a political agenda.

12 Fraser Myers, "The end of the world is not around the corner," *Spiked*, 26 January 2024, https://www.spiked-online.com/2024/01/26/the-end-of-the-world-is-not-around-the-corner/.

Methodology

The IPA analysed fact checking investigations published by AAP FactCheck, RMIT FactLab, and RMIT ABC Fact Check to determine whether scrutiny of politicians and parties was evenly spread across both sides of the political spectrum, and whether claims by both advocates and critics of certain policy areas were being examined with equal scrutiny. The IPA limited its analysis to investigations that focussed on claims made by politicians or parties, claims made about the Covid-19 pandemic, claims made pertaining to climate change and energy policy, and claims made relating to identity politics. The IPA defined identity politics as claims that focussed on individuals' identification of belonging to certain groups as the most prominent facet of their identity, for example, their identification as being LGBTQ+. Due to the prior release of its report *The Arbiters of Truth: Analysis of fact checking organisations during the 2023 Voice Referendum,* the IPA excluded claims relating to the Voice to Parliament referendum from its analysis.

The IPA analysed all articles available on the respective websites up until 9 February 2024. For RMIT FactLab, the earliest article was 29 March 2022. For AAP FactCheck, the earliest article was from 9 January 2019. For RMIT ABC Fact Check, while articles occasionally hyperlinked articles published more than a decade ago, the earliest article published on the Fact Check catalogue page itself was from 13 November 2020.

For the sake of simplicity, the IPA redefined verdicts to fit four overarching categories: true, false, misleading, and missing context. The following verdicts were rewritten to fit these categories:

IPA VERDICT	TRUE	FALSE	MISLEADING	MISSING CONTEXT
Fact checking organisation verdict	Close to the mark	Doesn't stack up	Spin	More to the story
	Likely true	Jumped the gun	Cherry picking	Apples and oranges
	Partly true	Unlikely	Exaggerated	Yes, but more to it
	Mostly true	Somewhat false	Overreach	
	Somewhat true	Mostly false	Overstated	
		Doubtful	Overblown	
		Altered content	Oversimplified	
			Understated	
			Satire	

For claims made by politicians and parties, the IPA analysed verdicts to determine which side of the political spectrum benefitted from the outcome. The 'Who Benefitted?' column had possible outcomes of 'Political Left' or 'Political Right'. The IPA considered verdicts that benefitted the Political Left to be claims fact checked against politicians or electoral candidates representing the Australian Labor Party (ALP), Australian Greens, Teal independents, or other progressive independents found to be true. Additionally, politicians or electoral candidates representing the Coalition, state Liberal Party of Australia, or right-of-centre independents that were found to be false, misleading, or missing context were also deemed as benefitting the Political Left.

On the other hand, verdicts considered to benefit the Political Right included claims fact checked against politicians or electoral candidates from the Coalition, state Liberal Party, or conservative independents found to be true. Additionally, claims checked against politicians or electoral candidates representing the ALP, Greens, Teal independents, or other progressive independents found to be false, misleading, or missing context were also deemed to be benefitting the Political Right.

The IPA excluded from its analysis 20 verdicts issued that were 'Ambiguous', 'Unproven', or 'Mixture', as the absence of a decisive verdict meant that they did not clearly benefit or damage a particular side of the political debate. If the article did not provide a clear verdict on the claim, it was also excluded from the analysis.

In the case of Covid-19, the articles analysed were grouped into 'Advocate' or 'Critic' depending on the perspective of the claim being fact checked. Claims categorised as 'Advocate' were claims that supported official narratives and responses to Covid-19, or would likely encourage the same or further measures to combat the virus. Official narratives and responses included mandatory use of face masks, mandated testing methods and procedures, enforced business closures, limitations on personal movement such as quarantines and lockdowns, movement tracking mechanisms, curfews, the mandating or encouragement of Covid-19 vaccines, the need for economic stimuli during the pandemic, and official views on what was or was not the likely source of the virus. Claims categorised as 'Critic' are claims that contradict or counter such official narratives or responses. This would include claims that downplay the severity of the virus, propose alternative reasons for the cause, spread or outbreak of the disease, proposed alternative cures or responses, questioning vaccine development and safety, or criticisms that would otherwise contradict the official responses.

With regard to claims relating to climate and energy, claims categorised as 'Advocate' were claims that supported the view that humanity is primarily responsible for global warming and that governments should enact policies to reverse it. Proponents of this narrative advocate for immediate and drastic changes to energy policy, including the need to transition away from fossil fuels towards renewable energy, the need to progress towards a net zero carbon emissions target in an Australian domestic context, support for global emissions reduction targets such as the Kyoto Protocol or Paris Agreement, support for electronic vehicles and clean transport, as well as the need to reduce environmental pollution and land clearance.

Claims categorised as 'Critic' were claims critical of the anthropogenic climate change narrative as well as government measures taken in response to it. This includes claims critical of the existence of climate change or the role of humanity in causing it, questioning the viability of renewables as alternatives to fossil fuels, highlighting alleged hypocrisy on the part of climate change activists, criticisms of the ethics of the supply chains involved in the production of renewable energy, criticisms of the claim that the climate is exacerbating natural disasters and changing the natural world, and claims advocating for the legalisation of nuclear energy in Australia.

For the purposes of this analysis, claims made by politicians in relation to a policy issue were assessed only in the second stage of the analysis. In other words, while claims by politicians or about a political party were generally assessed in the first stage of the analysis (investigations relating to politicians and polital parties), a claim by a politician or about a political party in relation to climate change policy or Covid-19 policy was only assessed in the second stage of the analysis as a claim in relation to climate change policy or Covid-19 policy.

APPENDIX A:

Full analysis of AAP FactCheck investigations

Analysis of AAP FactCheck's investigation of claims relating to politicians and political parties

DATE	CLAIM	VERDICT	WHO BENEFITTED?
9/01/2019	Peter Dutton claimed a national public register of child sex offenders would have a strong deterrent effect on paedophiles.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
17/01/2019	WA rock lobster would be cheaper if the state government increased domestic supply.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
13/02/2019	Angus Taylor claimed big energy companies enjoying a run of record profits as customers struggle to pay power bills.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
25/02/2019	Labor MP claimed that between 2011-2019, the NSW Coalition government failed to build permanent classrooms in public schools and has been masking severe overcrowding by installing demountables.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
28/02/2019	The Coalition NSW government would deliver more free technical and vocational courses for job seekers in a faster time frame than Labor if re-elected.	TRUE	POLITICAL RIGHT
13/03/2019	The number of police working in northern NSW has fallen since 2012	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
15/03/2019	NSW government used taxpayers money to fund 'unworthy' arts projects in Coalition electorates.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
18/03/2019	Walt Secord has claimed nurse-led walk-in centres are proven.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
4/07/2019	Since 2014, approximately $1.6 billion in health-related GST funding for Tasmania had been diverted to other areas by the state Coalition government.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
5/07/2019	Sarah Hanson-Young held a sign saying 'I would rather help illegals than 100,000 homeless Australians'.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
9/07/2019	Coalition MP Luke Howarth claimed that the increase in the number of homeless people has been lower than population growth.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
22/07/2019	Pauline Hanson has claimed that there are 462,000 people unemployed in Australia and a lot more underemployed and looking for more work.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
30/07/2019	Claim that Victorian premier Daniel Andrews said mosque protestors had 'no right' to demonstrate.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
7/08/2019	Pauline Hanson has claimed that mass shootings occur more often in France, Switzerland and Finland than in the United States.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
7/08/2019	Claim that Julie Bishop said 'Aboriginal children should not be taught their culture in schools'.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
9/08/2019	Scott Morrison has claimed 'Twelve per cent of our plastics are recycled in this country. I think we're breaking the faith with Australia'.	TRUE	POLITICAL RIGHT
12/09/2019	Peter Dutton has claimed that the father in a Tamil asylum case has travelled from Australia whilst his matter was still before the courts.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT

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16/09/2019	10,000 jobs were lost in Tasmania under the Labor-Greens state government from 2010 to 2014.	TRUE	POLITICAL RIGHT
20/09/2019	Scott Morrison said "drought is a necessary evil to cull the weak".	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
2/10/2019	Labor MP claim that Australians spend twice as much on superannuation fees as they do on electricity.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
4/10/2019	Claim that a Labor MP supported extending section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act to include 'Islamic blasphemy laws'.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
15/11/2019	The Coalition NSW government cut $12.9 million from Fire and Rescue NSW's funding in the 2019-20 budget.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
8/01/2020	The Greens changed their policy on back-burning in November 2019.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
10/02/2020	The ALP formed a minority government in 2010 with the Greens and subsequently signed the Native Forest Protection Act.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
10/02/2020	Nationals senator Bridget McKenzie only funded sports programs that were recommended by Sport Australia.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
2/03/2020	PM Morrison tweeted about not having any racism in Australia.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
19/10/2020	Premier Daniel Andrews has a net worth of $91 million.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
23/10/2020	Scott Morrison is the highest paid parliamentarian in the developed world, while JobSeeker is the lowest unemployment benefit in the developed world.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
24/03/2021	An image of Victorian premier Daniel Andrews in hospital was posted to his social media accounts in 2021 but was actually taken in 2017.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
11/06/2021	The differing date and time of Daniel Andrews' fall are evidence of a conspiracy.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
21/06/2021	Prime Minister Scott Morrison's staff are 'hiring lawyers to protect themselves from him'.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
16/11/2021	Scott Morrison has claimed that in 2019, Labor had a policy to raise the price of petrol to force people to switch to electric vehicles.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
22/11/2021	The Coalition government plans to force all age pensioners onto cashless welfare cards.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
10/12/2021	Around 38 per cent of federal Liberal Party parliamentarians are women.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
17/12/2021	Australia had 85,000 fewer apprentices and trainees since the federal Coalition government was elected in 2013.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
12/01/2022	Real wages did not grow under the previous federal Labor government.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
17/02/2022	Brendan O'Connor has claimed leaking cabinet information is a criminal offence.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
25/02/2022	The Coalition government has cancelled the visas of 10,000 violent criminal offenders since it came to power in 2013.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
1/03/2022	Scott Morrison met with TV presenter Piers Morgan while Brisbane was under water due to flooding.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT

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4/03/2022	Mehreen Faruqi has claimed under the Coalition government, half of the Great Barrier Reef's coral cover has died.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
8/03/2022	Adam Bandt has claimed Scott Morrison reduced Australia's refugee intake by 5000.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
14/03/2022	Peter Dutton has claimed Labor cut billions of dollars from the defence budget when it was last in government.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
14/03/2022	Marise Payne has claimed the coalition government has narrowed the gender pay gap.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
17/03/2022	Bridget McKenzie has claimed it was 'unheard of' to call in Australian Defence Force personnel following a domestic natural disaster 20 years ago.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
18/03/2022	Prime Minister Scott Morrison used $1 million of public money to help Clive Palmer sue Western Australia.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
24/03/2022	The budget deficit and government debt are both five times higher under the Coalition than they were under the previous Labor government.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
28/03/2022	Angus Taylor has claimed there are 89 days' worth of oil stock in Australia.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
1/04/2022	The Coalition government increased development aid for the Pacific region by 50 per cent.	TRUE	POLITICAL RIGHT
8/04/2022	No trees have been planted toward the Coalition government's 2018 target of one billion new trees by 2030.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
12/04/2022	Dan Tehan has claimed the Australian economy is performing better than that of any other country after Covid-19.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
26/04/2022	A Labor/Greens 2011 forestry agreement caused the loss of more than 4000 jobs in Tasmania's timber industry.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
27/04/2022	Mark Butler has argued it is more difficult and expensive to see a doctor in Australia than ever before.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
28/04/2022	Scott Morrison did not propose that asylum seeker boats should be turned back during the lead-up to the 2013 election.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
3/05/2022	The Greens have claimed on any given night in Australia, more than 100,000 people do not have a roof over their head.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
6/05/2022	The number of first-home buyers in 2021 was nearly 70,000 higher than when Labor was in government.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
9/05/2022	One Nation has claimed Australia's longest-running weather station shows no pattern of warming since temperature records were first collected in 1862.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
13/05/2022	The Coalition government did not allocate any money in the 2022-23 budget for a federal anti-corruption commission.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
16/05/2022	Adam Bandt has claimed a person earning the minimum wage will pay the same rate of tax as a CEO under changes supported by the coalition and Labor.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
18/05/2022	Scott Morrison's salary has risen from $140,000 to $550,000 in the past decade.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT

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20/05/2022	A Coalition policy enabling first-time buyers to invest up to 40 per cent of their superannuation into a home would only affect around one per cent of the housing market.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
20/05/2022	Nationals MP David Littleproud claimed $22,000 in expenses for an 84km trip between Warwick and Toowoomba in Queensland.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
14/06/2022	Pauline Hanson has claimed Scott Morrison will get a prime ministerial pension worth $300,000 per year.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
16/06/2022	Labor senator Penny Wong claimed most of Australia's coal exports are to China.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
17/06/2022	Labor and the Greens had opposed any future investment and development in gas over the previous decade.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
21/06/2022	AustraliaOne Party candidate Riccardo Bosi has argued political parties are illegal under the Australian Constitution.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
23/06/2022	Liberal MP Angus Taylor claimed Labor MP campaigned to ban the barbecue.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
24/06/2022	One Nation candidate Stuart Bonds claimed brown coal makes up 72 per cent of Germany's energy production.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
8/07/2022	The 'Liberal legacy on climate change' delivered the largest rise in emissions for 15 years in 2021.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
22/07/2022	Karen Andrews has claimed interest rates are always higher under a Labor government.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
1/08/2022	Jane Hume has claimed the Coalition cut $103 billion off the budget deficit in the last term of government.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
11/08/2022	Medicare rebates were frozen when Peter Dutton was health minister in the Abbott Coalition government.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
28/09/2022	A meme quotes Liberal senator Jane Hume as saying the opposition does not have policies and its job is 'to oppose everything and offer nothing'.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
14/10/2022	Independent MP Zoe Daniel has promoted a fossil fuel trading scheme.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
20/10/2022	Victoria's net debt is forecast to be higher than the combined debt of NSW, Queensland and Tasmania.	TRUE	POLITICAL RIGHT
4/11/2022	Ukraine and Russia were already at war when Labor made its election promise to reduce electricity bills by $275.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
7/11/2022	Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews gave himself a $50,000 pay rise during Melbourne's COVID lockdowns.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
18/11/2022	George Christensen has claimed the number of births in Australia plummeted by 70 per cent in December 2021.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
13/01/2023	A 1994 photo shows Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews at a nightclub with two notorious Melbourne gangland figures.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
2/02/2023	Dom Perrotet has argued that NSW has the fastest growing economy in Australia.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
6/03/2023	Prime Minister Anthony Albanese is entitled to a parliamentary pension in excess of $400,000 per year.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT

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17/03/2023	NSW Labor transport spokeswoman Jo Haylen did not oppose Sydney's WestConnex project.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
26/03/2023	Prime Minister Anthony Albanese tweeted calling for paedophiles to be referred to as 'minor-attracted persons'.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
10/05/2023	Michelle Ananda-Rajah has claimed women aged over 55 are the largest group experiencing homelessness.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
18/05/2023	Malcolm Roberts has claimed there are jail cells underneath the federal parliament.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
7/06/2023	Legal action against Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews failed because the judge thought it might cause him stress.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
15/06/2023	A report related to the alleged rape of Brittany Higgins was never released by the former Coalition government.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
26/06/2023	The Governor of Victoria is the sister-in-law of Premier Daniel Andrews.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
11/09/2023	Anthony Albanese's trip to the Philippines is the first bilateral visit by an Australian prime minister in over two decades.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
17/10/2023	Former Victorian premier Daniel Andrews has taken up a position at the World Economic Forum.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
23/10/2023	105,000 asylum seekers have entered Australia since Labor took government in May 2022.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
13/12/2023	The South Australian Labor government has cancelled the Anzac Day public holiday.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
18/12/2023	Australian vapers face up to two years in jail under Labor's new vape ban.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
7/02/2024	The citizenship test pass rate has fallen from 80 per cent under the last Coalition government to 65 per cent under Labor.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
8/02/2024	Bob Katter has claimed it is illegal for Australian businesses to refuse cash payments.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT

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4/02/2020	The WHO has labelled coronavirus a plague and the virus has killed 75,000 people.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
5/02/2020	The cleaning product Dettol can treat Covid-19 and it was known before 2019.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/02/2020	The 2019 coronavirus is a man-made combination of HIV and SARS viruses.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/02/2020	Food and trains are a source of coronavirus transmission.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
11/02/2020	The 2019 novel coronavirus is more deadly than HIV or Ebola.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
3/03/2020	Italy did not find a treatment to defeat Covid-19 because the disease is caused by bacteria.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/03/2020	Dogs are being killed in China for fear that they will transmit Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/03/2020	A new Covid-19 case has been found in the regional town of Dubbo.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
12/03/2020	There is a link between election dates and virus outbreaks.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/03/2020	Drinking water will prevent infection with Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
24/03/2020	A group of CEOs left their positions ahead of the Covid-19 pandemic because they knew that it was coming.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/03/2020	A photo of coffins is from coronavirus deaths in Italy.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
27/03/2020	There is a link between ibuprofen usage and worsening cases of Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/04/2020	The installation of 5G towers around New Zealand is linked to the pandemic.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/04/2020	You cannot catch a virus, viruses do not attack cell tissue, and viruses are not living.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/04/2020	Crowds are pulling down 5G telecommunications towers in Wuhan to combat a global coronavirus conspiracy.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/04/2020	The Covid-19 pandemic is caused by new 5G tele-communications technology.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/04/2020	There is a correlation between 'the introduction of radio waves' and wireless cellular technologies, and various outbreaks of disease.	CRITIC	FALSE
15/04/2020	Many people recovered from the Covid-19 virus after receiving Chloroquine, the popular anti malaria / lupus drug.	CRITIC	FALSE
16/04/2020	NZ's three-month wage subsidy means there will be a three-month lockdown.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/04/2020	A US scientist was arrested for selling coronavirus to China.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/04/2020	A Nobel Prize-winning professor claimed the coronavirus was manufactured in China.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/04/2020	The COVIDSafe app tracks your location and sends messages when you travel outside an acceptable radius from your home.	CRITIC	FALSE

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29/04/2020	A social media post has compared the coronavirus statistics of Ireland and New Zealand in a bid to claim NZ's response to the pandemic is unacceptable.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/05/2020	Covid-19 claimed the life of former Fijian PM Laisenia Qarase.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
8/05/2020	The pandemic is a cover up for the deployment of 5G telecommunications towers and the real pandemic does not exist.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/05/2020	'Hidden' rules could allow workplaces and supermarkets to bar people who haven't installed COVIDsafe app on their phone.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/05/2020	A circuit board with a 'COV.19' sticker is from a 5G tower.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/05/2020	Covid-19 is part of a broader 5G and banknote conspiracy.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/05/2020	The survival rates from Covid-19 indicate that response to the pandemic is out of control.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/05/2020	Bill Gates has admitted hundreds of thousands of people could die from side effects of a vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
30/05/2020	Covid-19 virus shares 'spikes' with HIV and Fauci patented them.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/06/2020	Google has signed Android phone users up to a COVID-19 tracing app.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/06/2020	A Covid-19 vaccine has been developed that will cause widespread infertility.	CRITIC	FALSE
30/06/2020	There is no Covid-19 pandemic.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/07/2020	A grocery store worker who wore a mask for hours at a time got a lung infection from 'breathing in her own bacteria'.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/07/2020	There is not one medical doctor on Australia's Covid-19 Commission.	CRITIC	FALSE
16/07/2020	Covid-19 is the same as the common cold.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/07/2020	The name of Covid-19 has a Latin origin, meaning 'See a Sheep of Surrender'.	CRITIC	FALSE
22/07/2020	The inventor of the PCR test—one of the main tests used to detect Covid-19—said the tests do not work to properly diagnose Covid-19 infections.	CRITIC	FALSE
22/07/2020	Covid-19 tests tainted with coronavirus have been in circulation for "many months".	CRITIC	FALSE
27/07/2020	Thieves are taking advantage of mandatory face mask rules by offering unsuspecting people facemasks doused in chemicals which leave them unconscious.	CRITIC	FALSE
31/07/2020	The recovery rate from Covid-19 is '99.9 per cent', and there is a choice between getting the disease and getting 'the vaccine with an 80 per cent adverse reaction rate'.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/08/2020	A picture depicts 20,000 people marching against pandemic measures in Berlin.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/08/2020	The coronavirus is a lab engineered bio-weapon.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/08/2020	The RT-PCR test is not viable for detecting viruses and the inventor who developed the test in the 1980s argued the same.	CRITIC	FALSE

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12/08/2020	Covid-19 tests cannot distinguish between Covid-19, the flu and common cold.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/08/2020	Face masks being used to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 are designed to be worn differently depending on the health of the wearer.	CRITIC	FALSE
14/08/2020	Medical studies show the flu vaccination will increase a person's susceptibility to Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/08/2020	Jacinda Ardern declared New Zealand Covid-19 free during a visit to a Hindu temple in August.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/08/2020	Vitamin D supplements can prevent a Covid-19 infection and reduce severity.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/08/2020	The US recorded as many Covid-19 cases in 22 seconds as New Zealand did in a day.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
31/08/2020	A new vaccine for Covid-19 will alter a person's DNA.	CRITIC	FALSE
2/09/2020	Bill Gates and Dr Anthony Fauci, among others, appeared before a human rights tribunal on charges of 'war crimes'.	CRITIC	FALSE
2/09/2020	Soldiers have been given the same powers as a police constable to manage Covid-19 isolation and quarantine facilities.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/09/2020	Covid-19 tests conducted in New Zealand's managed isolation facilities have a 30 per cent false negative rate.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
4/09/2020	Five million people from across Europe gathered in the German capital for a protest against Covid-19 restrictions.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/09/2020	A new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report 'shows that 94% of COVID-19 deaths in the US had underlying medical conditions'.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/09/2020	Covid-19 testing kits were being exported in 2018.	CRITIC	FALSE
14/09/2020	The fatality rate for Covid-19 is only marginally worse than the seasonal flu.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/09/2020	Covid-19 nasal swab test can harm your brain.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/09/2020	New Zealand's recession is worse than Australia's due to a dependence on international tourism and strict Covid-19 lockdowns.	CRITIC	TRUE
18/09/2020	Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews said 'insisting on human rights' under Covid-19 restrictions was not only selfish but also stupid.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/09/2020	NSW has fewer Covid-19 deaths than New Zealand, as well as a booming economy and fans attending rugby matches.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
24/09/2020	Daniel Andrews has taken a bribe from the International Monetary Fund, conditional on the Premier locking the state down.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/09/2020	Bill Gates has said "only the people who have all the vaccines will still be able to move freely".	CRITIC	FALSE
1/10/2020	Death rates as a result of Covid-19 are evidence that the pandemic does not exist.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/10/2020	The Covid-19 death figures for Australia have been dramatically overstated and the real tally is less than one-tenth of the official count.	CRITIC	FALSE

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12/10/2020	The high number of false-positive results from Covid-19 tests is rendering reported case numbers meaningless and the testing of asymptomatic patients useless.	CRITIC	FALSE
16/10/2020	Masks should not be worn for Covid-19 as they have not been worn for any other respiratory illness.	CRITIC	FALSE
16/10/2020	The chance of an asteroid hitting Earth in November is higher than the chance of dying from Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/10/2020	The United States is on track for a lower death rate in 2020 despite the Covid-19 pandemic.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/10/2020	An enormous crowd of Spaniards are demonstrating against the country's health system and the 'new world order' amid the Covid-19 pandemic.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/10/2020	Face masks cause oxygen deprivation, carbon dioxide intoxication, and lead to permanent neurological damage, especially in children.	CRITIC	FALSE
22/10/2020	'Aborted babies' are being used to develop a Covid-19 vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/10/2020	The use of a large intravenous dose of vitamin C can stop Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/11/2020	Wearing face masks can cause infections from bacteria such as staphylococcus.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/11/2020	Covid-19 does not exist because the virus that causes the disease has never been isolated.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/11/2020	Jim Carrey said Covid-19 is being used to manipulate the world through fear.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/11/2020	People who refuse a future Covid-19 vaccine could face prison terms and hefty fines.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/11/2020	A new study shows that masks are ineffective at preventing Covid-19 infection.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
2/12/2020	The top treatment is staying at home, and nearly all of those infected with Covid-19 survive without any treatment.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/12/2020	Covid-19 is a rebranding of the seasonal influenza as part of an attempt to usher in a 'New World Order'.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/12/2020	Bill Gates's plan to depopulate the Earth through forced vaccination has been effectively scrubbed from the public record.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/12/2020	A photograph of the first person to receive the Pfizer vaccine in Britain is fake.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/12/2020	Two participants died in Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine trial.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/12/2020	There are a series of links between pharmaceutical companies involved in Covid-19 vaccine research, global investment groups and billionaire philanthropists George Soros and Bill Gates.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/12/2020	A black-and-white video—purportedly from 1956—predicts a worldwide pandemic that erupts out of Asia in 2020.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
21/12/2020	Cold-storage vaccines are not legitimate and are aimed at genetic manipulation.	CRITIC	FALSE

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29/12/2020	An FDA briefing document suggests Covid-19 vaccines cause death.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
30/12/2020	Tiffany Dover, the nurse who fainted after receiving a Covid-19 vaccine dose, collapsed due to the contents of the injection.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/01/2021	Doctors are encouraging men to get Covid-19 vaccines administered in their genitals to provide the quickest route for the treatment to circulate.	CRITIC	FALSE
14/01/2021	More than half of participants across various age ranges in Moderna's first Covid-19 vaccine trial had adverse reactions.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/01/2021	The federal government allocated around $700 million for the University of Queensland's potential coronavirus vaccine despite the university failing to meet a 'peer review' benchmark for the funding.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/01/2021	23 people died in Norway from taking Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
27/01/2021	Germany's year-on-year death toll has not risen despite the Covid-19 pandemic striking during 2020.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/01/2021	Pfizer vaccine causes widespread 'irreversible' effects.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/01/2021	Covid-19 vaccines cause infertility.	CRITIC	FALSE
5/02/2021	The WHO released guidance that included an admission PCR tests for Covid-19 were producing inaccurate results due to earlier testing approaches.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/02/2021	The World Health Organization (WHO) has advised healthy people to stop wearing face masks.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/02/2021	Prime Minister Scott Morrison's Covid-19 vaccination was faked.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/02/2021	Alex Jones has claimed that Australia shut down its Covid-19 vaccine program because the treatment 'does not work and hurts people'.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/03/2021	Data about miscarriages casts doubt on the safety of Covid-19 vaccinations.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
16/03/2021	Covid-19 vaccines may be linked to serious adverse health events including death.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/03/2021	Covid-19 mRNA vaccines may be likened to a 'delayed kill switch' and they will cause the immune system to attack a person's cells and organs should they encounter the coronavirus.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/03/2021	The overwhelming majority of Australian Navy personnel developed severe side effects following Covid-19 vaccinations, reducing the number of healthy staff by half.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/03/2021	Billy Te Kahika has posted seven claims criticising the NZ government's response to the pandemic.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/03/2021	There is a link between a spike in cases of microcephaly in Brazil and dTpa vaccines administered to pregnant women.	CRITIC	FALSE
31/03/2021	Covid-19 should be treated as influenza.	CRITIC	FALSE
31/03/2021	There has been no increase in deaths in the US during 2020.	CRITIC	FALSE

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6/04/2021	A list of twelve claims suggest that the vaccines are experimental and should not be taken.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/04/2021	The Latin meaning of AstraZeneca is to "kill the stars" which links to a sinister motive behind the rollout of the pharmaceutical giant's Covid-19 vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/04/2021	Canadian immunologist Sir John Bell has suggested Covid-19 vaccines may cause infertility.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
15/04/2021	People who 'consent' to receiving a Covid-19 vaccine risk losing life insurance benefits because any side effects from the immunisation would be considered 'self-inflicted'.	CRITIC	FALSE
16/04/2021	An open letter to the prime minister of Papua New Guinea contains many valid concerns about Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
16/04/2021	Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine has led to an increase in deaths in Israel.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/04/2021	PCR tests widely used to diagnose Covid-19 contain ethylene oxide, which can cause cancer.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/04/2021	There have been no Covid-19 deaths in Israel because residents drink a 'tea' concocted from hot water, lemon juice and baking soda.	CRITIC	FALSE
23/04/2021	The federal government is trying to hide reports of adverse reactions to Covid-19 vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/04/2021	Massive crowds attended an anti-lockdown protest in London on April 24.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/04/2021	Covid-19 vaccines are 'gene therapy', presenting as evidence of their apparent need to be approved by Australia's gene technology authority.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/05/2021	While 3000 people died from the coronavirus, 500,000 children died of starvation.	CRITIC	FALSE
5/05/2021	80 per cent of Covid-19 cases discovered by PCR laboratory tests are found to be negative in follow-up tests.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/05/2021	Calling Covid-19 vaccines 'poison' is justified because the word appears in Australian legislation authorising defence paramedics and nurses to administer the immunisations.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
10/05/2021	The UK government's modelling predicted up to 70% of people vaccinated against Covid-19 will die during a third wave of the virus.	CRITIC	FALSE
14/05/2021	'Pfizer's former vice president' Michael Yeadon has claimed that it 'defies common sense' that people with no symptoms can spread a virus like the one that causes Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/05/2021	People who are unvaccinated against Covid-19 are becoming ill 'just by being in the vicinity' of those who have had the vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/05/2021	People who receive Covid-19 vaccines will have 'trackers' injected into them, causing the recipients to become magnetic.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/05/2021	People vaccinated for Covid-19 won't be allowed on flights because the vaccine makes them infectious.	CRITIC	FALSE

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24/05/2021	An ingredient contained in Moderna's Covid-19 vaccine has been deemed unsafe for human use.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/05/2021	A man sanding while wearing a mask has proven the ineffectiveness of masks.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/05/2021	Pope Francis has argued that people should pray as a vaccination rather than getting the vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/05/2021	Nobel laureate Luc Montagnier said everyone who received a Covid-19 vaccination would develop a disorder called antibody-dependent enhancement (ADE) and die within two years.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/06/2021	People are being misled about the usefulness of Covid-19 vaccinations because the treatments do not stop transmission of the coronavirus.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
8/06/2021	Falling cases of Covid-19 in India are due to a regime of hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin being used as treatments.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/06/2021	People are protected from mandatory vaccination by the Nuremberg Code.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/06/2021	More than 200 people in Australia have died as a result of Covid-19 vaccinations.	CRITIC	FALSE
15/06/2021	The efficacy rates of four Covid-19 vaccines are far lower than those claimed by vaccine companies.	CRITIC	FALSE
22/06/2021	Health Minister Greg Hunt admitted no one in the country had died from a locally transmitted case of Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
22/06/2021	Spanish and Russian airlines are advising those vaccinated against Covid-19 not to fly due to blood clot risks.	CRITIC	FALSE
22/06/2021	Covid-19 vaccines can cause serious harm by spreading 'toxic' spike proteins into a recipient's bloodstream and internal organs.	CRITIC	FALSE
24/06/2021	A Canadian pathologist has claimed that men who receive a Covid-19 vaccine will 'lose their reproductive capacity', which could spell 'the end of having children altogether'.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/06/2021	The late Tanzanian president John Magufuli was murdered due to his views on Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
2/07/2021	A doctored video of NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian shows her claiming face masks don't help prevent the spread of Covid-19.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
9/07/2021	Face masks are not effective against the spread of Covid-19.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
21/07/2021	French president Emmanuel Macron is banning unvaccinated people from purchasing food at supermarkets from August.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/07/2021	The Australian Constitution's ban on 'civil conscription' means that mandated or coerced vaccinations are illegal.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
27/07/2021	Jeremy McAnulty has claimed that Covid-19 vaccines are 'literally useless' in preventing people from being hospitalised.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/07/2021	There was a huge crowd in Paris protesting on 24 July 2021 against France's measures to combat Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE

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30/07/2021	'75% of Australians' are against Covid-19 vaccines based on the results of an online poll.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
3/08/2021	The military and NSW Health are 'forcing themselves' into people's homes to vaccinate people with an 'experimental liquid'.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/08/2021	mRNA Covid-19 vaccines inevitably cause blood clots.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/08/2021	Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine was not tested on children, and when it had been used it had caused lifelong heart problems.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/08/2021	Additional Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine doses secured by Australia from Poland may contain counterfeits, highlighting a previous example of fake vaccines discovered in the country.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
20/08/2021	Public health orders introduced to curb the spread of Covid-19 in New South Wales are unenforceable.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/08/2021	Protests in Denmark resulted in the dumping of the country's 'epidemic law'.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
26/08/2021	An Australian politician's diagnosis of Bell's palsy is linked to his vaccination against Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/08/2021	At least two children died in Australia after receiving Covid-19 vaccines in a mass vaccination program for students.	CRITIC	FALSE
30/08/2021	Covid-19 vaccines may be responsible for the spread of the coronavirus.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/09/2021	Thousands of Australian school children were 'seized' and forcibly vaccinated against Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/09/2021	Covid-19 health orders in the state of New South Wales are invalid as they have been issued based on a state of emergency that has never been announced.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/09/2021	Police are overreacting as Covid-19 has an extremely high 'survival rate'.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/09/2021	More than 400 deaths have been caused by Covid-19 vaccines in Australia, pointing to data from the country's medicines regulator as purported proof.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/09/2021	Australia's provisional approval of Covid-19 vaccines is linked to there being a declared 'state of emergency'—and that the approval expires when this declaration is no longer in place.	CRITIC	FALSE
14/09/2021	A group of people were partying in public in Sydney's beachside suburb of Bondi while the city was subject to strict Covid-19 lockdown rules.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/09/2021	Australians who are not fully vaccinated for Covid-19 by the end of the year will be put into isolation camps.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/09/2021	The European Union's COVID digital passport includes provision for eight vaccine doses.	CRITIC	FALSE
24/09/2021	People can ignore public health restrictions in New South Wales as the government is no longer enforcing them.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/09/2021	More than 100,000 variants of the Covid-19 virus exist, and vaccines will need to be changed to combat each strain as it emerges.	CRITIC	FALSE

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30/09/2021	Vaccinated people with Covid-19 are being treated with the drug ivermectin in hospital.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/10/2021	Martin Foley has claimed that of the people who were in hospital yesterday, 78 per cent were vaccinated, and 17 were partially vaccinated.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/10/2021	Vitamin supplements and ivermectin can effectively treat or prevent Covid-19.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
20/10/2021	Aboriginal school children aged 12 and over were taken to a Covid-19 vaccination centre in Tweed Heads without parental consent.	CRITIC	FALSE
22/10/2021	Covid-19 vaccines are causing a new multi-system inflammatory condition called Post Covid-19 Injection Syndrome, or pCoIS.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/10/2021	The Amish community are completely disease-free, including from Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/10/2021	No autopsy has proven Covid-19 as the cause of death.	CRITIC	FALSE
2/11/2021	The Queensland government is building quarantine camps for the unvaccinated.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
4/11/2021	Covid-19 data from England suggests that vaccinated people have a higher risk of dying with the virus than the unvaccinated.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/11/2021	Data from Israel shows Covid-19 vaccines don't reduce hospitalisations.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/11/2021	Children as young as 10 have been fined for not wearing face masks in Victoria.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/11/2021	Covid-19 vaccines cause antibody dependent enhancement (ADE), which can lead to serious illness when people are exposed to the virus.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/11/2021	Pfizer has added a new ingredient to its Covid-19 vaccine to reduce the risk of children having heart attacks as a side effect.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/11/2021	Australia's Covid-19 case fatality rate (CFR) is around one per cent or less for every age group.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
24/11/2021	Italian health authorities recently reduced the country's official Covid-19 death toll by 97 per cent.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/11/2021	Pauline Hanson has claimed unvaccinated people pose no greater Covid-19 risk than those who are vaccinated.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/11/2021	A photo of a gigantic crowd implies it is from recent Covid-19 lockdown protests in Vienna.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/12/2021	Covid-19 vaccination mandates are at odds with the 1986 Human Rights Commission Act.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/12/2021	The Australian military is forcibly vaccinating Indigenous people in the Northern Territory against Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/12/2021	People with "natural immunity" from Covid-19 due to prior infection cannot catch the virus again.	CRITIC	FALSE
23/12/2021	Spike proteins from Covid-19 mRNA vaccines often cause permanent damage to children's vital organs.	CRITIC	FALSE

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24/12/2021	Australians will be denied life-saving surgery if they are unvaccinated.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
11/01/2022	Scott Morrison has claimed only two countries provide free rapid Covid-19 tests for their citizens.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
14/01/2022	A fifth of children in Victoria aged five to 11 years old have experienced suicidal ideation during the lockdowns.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/01/2022	Malcolm Roberts has claimed Covid-19 vaccine ingredients are not disclosed.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/01/2022	Children are much more likely to die from Covid-19 vaccination than the coronavirus.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/01/2022	Australia has recorded 12 times more deaths due to Covid-19 vaccines than from all other vaccines combined over 50 years.	CRITIC	FALSE
31/01/2022	Mark McGowan has claimed an average of almost 5,000 Australians have been hospitalised with Covid-19 each day since the start of 2022.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
4/02/2022	Covid-19 vaccines are not reducing hospital admission rates in NSW.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/02/2022	The New Zealand government is considering putting Covid-19 vaccines into city water supplies.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/02/2022	Clive Palmer has claimed more than 200 Australian doctors have been struck off the medical register during the Covid-19 pandemic.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/02/2022	Face masks increase the risks of respiratory diseases.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/02/2022	Only 83 people have died solely from Covid-19 in Australia since the start of the pandemic.	CRITIC	FALSE
23/02/2022	An Australian doctor recommended Queen Elizabeth II be treated with ivermectin for Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/02/2022	Covid-19 vaccines contain microscopic, self-assembling electronic components.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/03/2022	The Therapeutic Goods Administration overturned a ban on ivermectin as a treatment for Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/03/2022	The New Zealand High Court ruled a vaccine mandate was a gross violation of human rights.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/03/2022	A university study shows that the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine enters the nucleus of a human cell.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/03/2022	There were more than 1,200 vaccine-related deaths in the first 90 days of the Pfizer rollout.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/03/2022	Employers can be jailed under the "Corporate Manslaughter Act" for adverse vaccine reactions suffered by their employees.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/03/2022	Shane Warne's son revealed his dad had chest pains from the Covid-19 vaccine prior to his death.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/04/2022	Government data shows fully vaccinated people account for nine out of every ten Covid-19 deaths in Australia.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/04/2022	Fifteen tennis players withdrew or retired from the Miami Open after suffering adverse effects of the Covid-19 vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE

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8/04/2022	Official data has confirmed 800 Covid-19 'vaccine deaths' in Australia.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/04/2022	The government's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic saved 40,000 Australian lives.	ADVOCATE	MISLEADING
18/04/2022	An American Medical Association document confirms Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine ingredients and effects vary depending on their "batch".	CRITIC	FALSE
21/04/2022	The Australian government has given doctors permission to vaccinate people under sedation without consent.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/05/2022	Gerard Rennick has claimed Australia's 2021 official death statistics provide evidence Covid-19 vaccines have caused thousands of excess deaths.	CRITIC	FALSE
24/05/2022	A study shows COVID-19 vaccines increase the risk of cardiac arrest in young people by 25 per cent.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/06/2022	Mark Latham has claimed a NSW 'teacher shortage' is being fuelled by 13,699 staff who can't enter the classroom because of inadequate COVID-19 vaccination statuses.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
6/07/2022	Covid-19 vaccinations in the US have killed at least 125 children and injured 50,000.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/07/2022	Covid-19 diagnostic tests were patented in 2015, years before the disease was officially discovered.	CRITIC	FALSE
14/07/2022	You can sue doctors if they can't prove a 'side effect' following the Covid-19 vaccine was not caused by the jab.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/07/2022	Former Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe's chief health officer promoted ivermectin as a treatment for Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/07/2022	New Zealand Police is considering an inquiry into deaths linked to Covid-19 vaccinations.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/07/2022	Myocarditis is irreversible and has a 20 per cent fatality rate after two years and 50 per cent rate after five years.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/08/2022	The New Zealand government plans to lock down schools for 72 hours with children inside.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/08/2022	A new study recommends immunocompromised people should avoid wearing face masks.	CRITIC	FALSE
5/08/2022	Virus variants become less severe over time.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/08/2022	UK data shows vaccinated people are no better protected from Covid-19 death than the unvaccinated.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/08/2022	There were no unvaccinated people among the 164 who died of Covid-19 in NSW in the last week of July.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/08/2022	Unvaccinated people are not dying from COVID-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
23/08/2022	More Australians have died from Covid-19 vaccines than from the virus.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/08/2022	A Harvard professor lodged a patent in 2015 for a device which uses 5G to vibrate coronavirus particles.	CRITIC	FALSE
30/08/2022	Covid-19 vaccines are responsible for an increase in coughs, colds and the flu.	CRITIC	FALSE

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2/09/2022	More than 94 per cent of Victorians who received two vaccine doses now have Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/09/2022	Children in England vaccinated against Covid-19 are 13,633 per cent more likely to die with the virus and 4423 per cent more likely to die from any cause.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
22/09/2022	Children in the UK aged 5 to 11 will no longer be offered Covid-19 vaccines due to concerns about developmental side effects.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/10/2022	The spread of Covid-19 in New Zealand was due to people getting vaccinated.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/10/2022	COVID mRNA vaccines alter our DNA, making the number of genes a variant of the devil's number - 666.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/10/2022	Pfizer's latest COVID booster vaccine was authorised for use based only on preliminary data from eight mice.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
20/10/2022	England has banned COVID vaccines for pregnant women and children aged under five.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/10/2022	A New Zealand vaccine expert has backtracked on her pro-COVID vaccine stance during a radio interview.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/10/2022	The UK government has admitted that those who are double vaccinated will get sick with new viruses because of immune system damage done by the COVID jab.	CRITIC	FALSE
31/10/2022	Vaccinated people are more likely to die from Covid-19 than those who are unvaccinated.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/11/2022	Covid-19 vaccines have killed 20 million people worldwide.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/11/2022	Covid-19 has always had a greater survival rate than influenza.	CRITIC	FALSE
15/11/2022	US investment giant BlackRock sponsored the Fault Lines review into Australia's Covid-19 response.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/11/2022	Pfizer signed a confidential agreement with the Australian government which means the ingredients of the Covid-19 vaccine are kept a secret.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/11/2022	More than 80 Canadian doctors have dropped dead after receiving their fourth mandated Covid-19 vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/11/2022	A graph showing Swiss Covid-19 mortality proves hydroxychloroquine is an effective treatment for the virus.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/11/2022	A social media personality is calling on the army and police to help forcibly vaccinate the unvaccinated.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/12/2022	The UN Sendai Framework was used to allow Covid-19 vaccines to skip standard Australian vaccine testing.	CRITIC	FALSE
5/01/2023	The Moderna Covid-19 vaccine has been withdrawn from Australia.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/01/2023	Victoria's Chief Health Officer Brett Sutton is not a real doctor.	CRITIC	FALSE
16/01/2023	Eight per cent of people in the English town of Swindon attended hospital in 2021 for heart-related issues.	CRITIC	FALSE

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28/01/2023	More than 1500 athletes have suffered cardiac arrest since COVID vaccinations began, compared to a previous average of 29 per year.	CRITIC	FALSE
30/01/2023	New studies show bivalent Covid-19 boosters have zero efficacy.	CRITIC	FALSE
31/01/2023	Government, Pfizer documents confirm Covid-19 vaccines have led to millions of deaths as a result of recipients developing vaccine-associated enhanced disease (VAED).	CRITIC	FALSE
1/02/2023	The US government has admitted 5G radiation causes Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/02/2023	A scientific paper shows Covid-19 mRNA vaccines cause five times more cases of myocarditis than the virus itself.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/02/2023	Japan has launched an official investigation into millions of deaths caused by the Covid-19 vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/02/2023	Covid-19 vaccines are no longer offered to people under 65 and 50 in Norway and Denmark, respectively.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/02/2023	Excess deaths in New Zealand increased by 3203 per cent from 2020 to 2022 due to COVID-19 vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/03/2023	Early treatment with hydroxychloroquine would have prevented many Covid-19 deaths.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/03/2023	The risk of hospitalisation and death from Covid-19 increases with every vaccine dose you've received.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/03/2023	Covid-19 vaccines don't legally or medically qualify as vaccines because they don't provide full immunity.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/04/2023	The Australian government now recommends against all healthy under-18s getting the Covid-19 vaccine, while healthy adults should only "consider" vaccination.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/04/2023	Myocarditis cases were four per million before the pandemic but are now 25,000 cases per million.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/04/2023	An infectious diseases expert told a court double vaccinated people are 13 times more likely to catch and spread Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/04/2023	A newly released Pfizer document reveals graphene oxide is an ingredient of its COVID vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/04/2023	Every doctor and nurse in Australia has been issued advice on how to vaccinate children who don't have parental consent.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/04/2023	The NSW government has passed a law which makes employers liable for any adverse effects suffered as a result of mandatory vaccination policies.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/05/2023	Ralph Babet has claimed that Covid-19 vaccines are more deadly than the COVID virus.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/05/2023	Covid-19 vaccines cause infertility.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/05/2023	The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has lifted the ban on ivermectin after finally admitting it is safe and effective in treating Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE

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16/05/2023	Ivermectin is effective at treating Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
30/05/2023	The UK government will pay compensation to those with declining health since the Covid-19 vaccine if they weren't made fully aware of the risks.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/06/2023	Every scientific publication on coronaviruses from 1990 to 2018 found vaccines do not work against the virus type.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/06/2023	A study has found Australian garlic can cure Covid-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/06/2023	Malcolm Roberts has claimed that a recent study has found that garlic can kill Covid-19.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
9/06/2023	Twenty thousand nurses left the New Zealand health system due to Covid-19 vaccine mandates.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/06/2023	A government health boss used a secret senate meeting to urge politicians not to reveal a vaccine effects cover-up.	CRITIC	FALSE
23/06/2023	The European Parliament has declared that Covid-19 is a fraud at a recent conference.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/06/2023	Covid-19 vaccines accelerate coronary artery disease.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/07/2023	The Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine was only ever 0.86% effective, not 95 per cent as claimed by the pharmaceutical company.	CRITIC	FALSE
5/09/2023	Mass casualties at three major events are linked to Covid-19 vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/09/2023	The World Economic Forum has discussed adding vaccines to the water supply.	CRITIC	FALSE
2/11/2023	A German study has revealed long COVID is linked to the vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/11/2023	One billion people have died since the rollout of COVID vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/11/2023	Data reveals tens of thousands of deaths in New Zealand are linked to Covid-19 vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/11/2023	There have been no births in Italy for three months because of the coronavirus vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
5/12/2023	The European Union (EU) has declared the Covid-19 vaccines were approved illegally.	CRITIC	FALSE
15/12/2023	Camps were created for the unvaccinated during the Covid-19 pandemic.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/12/2023	The United States Supreme Court ruled Covid-19 vaccines are not vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/12/2023	New Zealand health data shows COVID vaccines have caused excess deaths.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/12/2023	A World Health Organization (WHO) representative spoke about removing human rights protections through pandemic preparedness plans.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/12/2023	A vaccine safety body has recorded 20 times more COVID jab adverse reactions than the government's Therapeutic Goods Administration.	CRITIC	FALSE
2/01/2024	Health department data reveals five children under the age of four have died from Covid-19 vaccines in Australia.	CRITIC	FALSE

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3/01/2024	The AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine contains cells from an aborted foetus.	CRITIC	FALSE
5/01/2024	11,000 politicians and elites from New Zealand received an exemption for the Covid-19 vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/01/2024	A biologist has revealed the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine contains 200 billion pieces of dangerous DNA.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
10/01/2024	The Australian government enables health practitioners to vaccinate patients under sedation without their knowledge.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/01/2024	A video features several clips of athletes and TV presenters collapsing—and in some cases dying—as a result of COVID vaccination.	CRITIC	FALSE
23/01/2024	Australia had 10,000 more deaths than the monthly average in May 2021, owing to the rollout of the coronavirus vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/02/2024	High pH foods curb COVID.	CRITIC	FALSE

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31/01/2019	Scott Morrison has claimed Australia has met its commitments to the Kyoto protocol and Paris Agreement.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
26/02/2019	Deputy-NSW Premier Jodi McKay has claimed we will be healthier and suffer less from pollution if more cycleways and footpaths are built.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
3/07/2019	A video shows a wind turbine breaking apart during a storm and crashing as three horses gallop away.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/09/2019	Greta Thunberg has posted a photo with billionaire George Soros.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/09/2019	Bali's Mt Agung volcano created more greenhouse gas in one eruption than all humanity has ever done.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/10/2019	Scott Morrison has claimed that by 2020, Australia will have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 367 million tonnes more than required to meet the 2020 Kyoto target.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
22/10/2019	Two photos of the Great Wall of China meeting the ocean disprove claims of rising sea levels.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/11/2019	Wind turbines produce less energy than it takes to make them.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/12/2019	The 1991 Mount Pinatubo and 2010 Eyjafjallajökull eruptions put more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than human emissions did.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/09/2020	Transitioning to 100 per cent renewable electricity generation will increase power prices in New Zealand.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/09/2020	The New Zealand government's ban on new offshore oil and gas exploration resulted in an increase in energy prices and a rise in the consumption of imported coal.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/10/2020	The proportion of renewable electricity generation increased faster under the previous NZ National government than the current Labour leadership.	ADVOCATE	MISLEADING
2/10/2020	New Zealand is using more coal because of the government's offshore oil and gas exploration ban.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
8/10/2020	In NZ, greenhouse gas emissions from the construction industry increased by two-thirds over the past decade.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
17/12/2020	The amount of coral on the Great Barrier Reef similar now to during the 1980s.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/12/2020	Manufacturing an electric vehicle produces twice the greenhouse emissions of a fossil-fuel powered car.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
29/12/2020	New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions increased while Australia's have decreased.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
30/12/2020	Craig Kelly posted data he claims show temperatures have in fact been falling during what he dubbed 'the year of global cooling'.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/01/2021	Mark Butler has claimed Australia has the least efficient light vehicle fleet in the developed world.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
29/01/2021	There has been no warming of the planet in the past 22 years.	CRITIC	FALSE

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1/02/2021	Malcolm Roberts has claimed that nature—not mankind—is solely responsible for the levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/02/2021	Angus Taylor has claimed Australia is deploying renewable energy 10 times faster than the rest of the world.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
11/02/2021	A massive open-pit mine is the source of lithium used in electric vehicles (EVs).	CRITIC	FALSE
12/02/2021	Mark Butler has claimed the Australian government has cut funding for two key climate change adaptation projects and ignored the issue in major reports.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
12/02/2021	Dave Sharma has claimed renewable energy is the cheapest source of new power generation.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
19/02/2021	Scott Morrison has claimed foreign coal produces 50 per cent more emissions than Australia's.	CRITIC	FALSE
23/02/2021	Anthony Albanese has claimed Scott Morrison previously said adopting a target of net zero emissions by 2050 would be catastrophic for the economy.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
25/02/2021	Modelling shows that adopting a target of net zero emissions by 2050 will create 250,000 jobs in Australia over the next decade.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
2/03/2021	Gerard Rennick has claimed 60 per cent of Europe's renewable power comes from burning wood.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/03/2021	Scott Morrison has claimed Australia's greenhouse gas emissions fallen 17 per cent since 2005 to their lowest levels since 1998.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
5/03/2021	Germany's renewable energy networks recently foundered due to severe winter weather – forcing the nation to fall back on fossil fuel sources.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/07/2021	Atmospheric carbon dioxide levels were 30 times higher during the Jurassic Period than at present and current levels of the greenhouse gas are lower than ever.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/07/2021	Germany has banned electric vehicles from parking underground because of the risk of fire.	CRITIC	FALSE
16/07/2021	Antarctica is not losing ice because a number of British Research Station bases have previously been destroyed by mounting snow.	CRITIC	FALSE
14/12/2021	Malcolm Roberts has claimed more than a thousand new coal plants are being built around the world while Australia plans to shut down its remaining facilities.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/01/2022	All three major regions of the Great Barrier Reef have never had more coral on them.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/02/2022	Adam Bandt has claimed there are 114 new coal and gas projects in Australia's investment pipeline that contain more than double the amount of our annual domestic carbon emissions.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
1/03/2022	Keith Pitt has claimed the coalition government has reduced Australia's greenhouse gas emissions by 20 per cent.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/03/2022	Jason Falinksi has claimed French President Emmanuel Macron plans to build 20 new nuclear power stations.	CRITIC	FALSE

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8/04/2022	Josh Wilson has claimed no trees have been planted toward the coalition government's 2018 target of one billion new trees by 2030.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
14/04/2022	Adam Bandt has claimed the Morrison government cut climate spending by 35 per cent in the 2022 federal budget.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
4/05/2022	Matt Canavan has claimed UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he was pausing his country's net zero emissions commitment.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/05/2022	Bob Katter has claimed Algae ponds can capture all the carbon dioxide from coal-fired power stations, resulting in zero-emissions energy.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/05/2022	Tim Wilson has claimed Zali Steggall's climate change bill required emissions targets to be set by an unelected commission, which could override elected officials.	CRITIC	FALSE
15/05/2022	Malcolm Roberts has claimed there is no evidence carbon dioxide directly causes any change in the climate.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/05/2022	Josh Frydenberg has claimed $35 billion in renewable energy projects have been rolled out in Australia in the past three years.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
24/05/2022	The amount of carbon dioxide in the air increased just .004 per cent in 50 years.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/05/2022	Hydrogen made from fossil fuels generates more emissions than simply burning the coal and gas for energy.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
3/06/2022	A rise in ocean temperatures is helping coral reefs to survive.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/06/2022	Matt Canavan has claimed energy prices have gone up five times above average following the part closure of a NSW coal power station.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
9/06/2022	The sun is cooling, leading to cooler temperatures on earth.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/06/2022	An increase in global shipping has contributed to rising sea levels due to water displacement.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/06/2022	The Arctic Sea ice extent is at a 30-year high.	CRITIC	FALSE
16/06/2022	The Himalayan mountain range is the biggest emitter of CO2 on the planet.	CRITIC	FALSE
24/06/2022	Brown coal makes up 72 per cent of Germany's energy production.	CRITIC	FALSE
30/06/2022	Germany has not reduced emissions in the past decade despite spending $580 billion on renewables.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/07/2022	Mehreen Faruqi has argued Labor's pledge to reduce emissions by 43 per cent by 2030 falls short of Australia's commitment to the Paris Agreement.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
7/07/2022	Agriculture is the only industry that actively removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/07/2022	Australia has already reached net zero emissions.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
14/07/2022	Oil regenerates within the earth faster than it could ever be depleted.	CRITIC	FALSE
15/07/2022	Wind and solar power contribute less than two per cent of the National Electricity Market's (NEM) total energy.	CRITIC	FALSE

DATE	CLAIM	CRITIC / ADVOCATE	VERDICT
18/07/2022	A graph proves that the earth is cooler today than it has been for the majority of the last 9500 years.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/07/2022	New Zealand has the planet's lowest carbon footprint.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/07/2022	A Harvard study found wind turbines create more global warming than the fossil fuel power they replace.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/07/2022	You can't extinguish an EV fire as water makes their batteries burn.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/07/2022	Mean sea level height was six centimetres lower in 2019 than in 1919.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/08/2022	Germany tried switching to wind and solar power and ended up producing more carbon dioxide.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/08/2022	The hottest decade on record occurred nearly 100 years ago.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/08/2022	The Greenland ice sheet mass balance shows no sign of reduction.	CRITIC	FALSE
15/08/2022	Colin Boyce has claimed humans are responsible for just three per cent of atmospheric CO2.	CRITIC	FALSE
22/08/2022	Global temperatures have been going sideways for 25 years.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/09/2022	Antarctic temperatures have declined over the past 40 years.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/09/2022	There has been no net warming in Australia over the past 10 years.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/09/2022	Human-based carbon dioxide emissions do not cause global warming.	CRITIC	FALSE
16/09/2022	There has been no increase in the rate of sea level rise.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/09/2022	Gerard Rennick has argued that greenhouse gases don't heat up the earth.	CRITIC	FALSE
22/09/2022	US billionaire George Soros attended the UN's COP26 climate summit in 2021.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/10/2022	Wind turbine generators typically have a life span of just three to four years.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/10/2022	Antarctica's average daily temperature would need to rise above 0 degrees Celsius for any ice to melt.	CRITIC	FALSE
31/10/2022	There is no evidence that floods and droughts are getting worse.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/11/2022	Scientists have never proved that human emissions of carbon dioxide drive global warming.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
23/11/2022	The use of wood makes up 71.9 per cent of the world's renewable energy supply.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/11/2022	An increase in water vapour is solely responsible for the rise in global temperatures since the end of the 19th century.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/11/2022	An electric vehicle charging point in the Nullarbor is powered by diesel.	CRITIC	FALSE
30/11/2022	The rise in global temperatures has in part been influenced by the loss of tree coverage.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/12/2022	Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has committed Australian taxpayers to $2 trillion per year in climate change payments.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/12/2022	A graph proves humans are responsible for only around 3.5 per cent of the increase in atmospheric CO2 from 1870 to 2020.	CRITIC	FALSE

DATE	CLAIM	CRITIC / ADVOCATE	VERDICT
3/01/2023	The melting of South Pole ice will allow the continent to float up, therefore resulting in minimal sea level change.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/01/2023	A study has found 21st century warming may not be due to greenhouse gases (GHGs).	CRITIC	FALSE
18/01/2023	Recent global warming is comparable with natural rates of climate change over the past 10,000 years.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/01/2023	Solar cycles are driving climate change, not the greenhouse effect.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/01/2023	The oceans have cooled over the past decade despite an increase in atmospheric CO2 concentration.	CRITIC	FALSE
23/01/2023	The planet has been in a period of global cooling since 2015.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
25/01/2023	A respected US academic has downplayed the impact of global warming and suggested it may benefit civilisation.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
7/02/2023	The United States was the only country to reduce emissions between 2016 and 2020.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/12/2023	1609 scientists have signed a declaration stating there is no climate emergency.	CRITIC	FALSE
16/02/2023	The sea level in Oslo is falling.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
16/02/2023	Temperatures in Australia have cooled over the last 100 years.	CRITIC	FALSE
31/03/2023	A video shows an electric vehicle exploding.	CRITIC	FALSE
31/03/2023	Cows only produce as much methane as would be naturally released into the atmosphere.	CRITIC	FALSE
31/03/2023	The high tide level in San Francisco hasn't changed in 77 years.	CRITIC	FALSE
14/04/2023	The second law of thermodynamics shows man-made global warming is impossible.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/04/2023	The world's trees absorb more than twice the amount of CO2 emitted.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/04/2023	The Antarctic ice sheet is not melting, it's growing.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/06/2023	Earth hasn't warmed since the mid-1980s and has only warmed by 0.7C since the 1850s.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/08/2023	Australia is the only OECD country that doesn't produce nuclear power.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/08/2023	The term global warming was changed to climate change because the earth wasn't warming as predicted.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/12/2023	Manufacturing an EV battery produces the same amount of CO2 as running a petrol car for eight years.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/12/2023	Global warming is caused by oxygen absorbing UV radiation, not the greenhouse effect.	CRITIC	FALSE
5/01/2024	A law will give the UK government the power to fine or even jail people if their homes don't meet energy efficiency standards.	CRITIC	FALSE

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DATE	CLAIM	CRITIC / ADVOCATE	VERDICT
11/02/2022	Scott Morrison has claimed Labor amendments to the Sex Discrimination Act in 2013 allowed schools to expel children because of their sexuality.	ADVOCATE	MISLEADING
29/06/2022	The New York Times reported a Lego set celebrating the LGBTQI community generated the worst sales figures in the toy-maker's history.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/11/2022	A Victorian government policy strips parents of their rights and coerces children into medical gender transition treatments.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/12/2022	Parents who urge caution to children questioning their gender or sexuality would be committing a crime if proposed legal changes are implemented.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/03/2023	Seven per cent of the world's population is transgender.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/04/2023	Five-year-olds are made to question their gender as part of New Zealand Ministry of Education guidelines.	CRITIC	FALSE
23/05/2023	Demons use the pronouns they/them/we/us in various Bible verses.	CRITIC	FALSE
31/05/2023	United Nations and World Health Organization sexual education guides say all children must have sexual partners.	CRITIC	FALSE

APPENDIX B

Full analysis of RMIT FactLab investigations

Analysis of RMIT FactLab's investigation of claims made regarding politicians and political parties

DATE	CLAIM	WHO BENEFITTED?	VERDICT
29/03/2022	Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Queensland flood victims are 'weaponising their trauma' and 'should be grateful for government assistance'.	POLITICAL RIGHT	FALSE
11/04/2022	Opposition leader Anthony Albanese swore at a member of the public who interrupted a press conference to ask a question.	POLITICAL LEFT	FALSE
6/05/2022	A meme suggests the Social Services Minister Anne Ruston said there is 'no such thing as poverty'. The meme also states '35 per cent of pensioners in Australia live below the poverty line'.	POLITICAL RIGHT	FALSE
25/05/2022	Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews is passing a bill to make growing your own food illegal.	POLITICAL LEFT	FALSE
10/06/2022	Woolworths has stopped accepting cash, which is evidence of Australia transitioning to a cashless society under new PM Anthony Albanese.	POLITICAL LEFT	FALSE
28/09/2022	Opposition Finance Minister Jane Hume told the ABC's Insiders program that the Opposition's job was to 'oppose everything and offer nothing'.	POLITICAL RIGHT	FALSE
22/11/2022	Photos of billboards around Melbourne display an ad campaign by Barbecues Galore with the slogan 'almost as many cookers as the Liberal Party'.	POLITICAL RIGHT	FALSE
9/02/2023	Prime Minister Anthony Albanese is responsible for the recent beer tax hike.	POLITICAL LEFT	FALSE
29/03/2023	All states in Australia have Labor governments.	POLITICAL LEFT	FALSE
24/10/2022	The Victorian government will introduce new fines and heavily restrict park use under sweeping changes to metropolitan and regional park regulations, according to social media users.	POLITICAL LEFT	MISSING CONTEXT
3/05/2022	The Daily Telegraph published a front page photo of Prime Minister Scott Morrison with a headline telling readers, 'Finally you now have the chance to...Kick This Rat Out'.	POLITICAL RIGHT	FALSE
24/05/2022	The *Daily Mail* presented images of a Chinese naval ship in Sydney Harbour alongside comments made by Defence Minister Peter Dutton that it was 'without precedent a vessel would be so far south'.	POLITICAL RIGHT	MISSING CONTEXT
2/03/2023	Independent Senator Lidia Thorpe left the Greens Party to join a 'black terrorist organisation'.	POLITICAL LEFT	FALSE
22/06/2023	Queenslanders could face three years in jail for 'offensive' social media posts as part of the Labor government's proposed changes to the state's anti-discrimination laws.	POLITICAL LEFT	FALSE

Analysis of RMIT FactLab's Investigation of COVID-19 Claims

DATE	CLAIM	CRITIC/ ADVOCATE	VERDICT
18/04/2022	An article that quotes Microsoft founder Bill Gates as planning to depopulate the earth through forced vaccinations has been removed from the public record.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/04/2022	Reports of an outbreak of Japanese encephalitis are being used as a cover for adverse reactions to Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/04/2022	Official excess deaths data shows there was an 84 per cent increase in deaths caused by COVID-19 vaccinations among American millennials in 2021.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/05/2022	Heart issues such as arrhythmia among athletes are going 'through the roof' due to COVID-19 boosters.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/06/2022	Just one positive case of COVID-19 in an aged care home can force residents into a 14-day blanket lockdown without any right to leave or receive visitors.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/06/2022	Monkeypox is actually 'VAIDS', or 'vaccine-acquired immunodeficiency syndrome' caused by COVID-19 vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/07/2022	A toddler who died 'suddenly and mysteriously' at a Queensland childcare centre was 'fully jabbed'.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/07/2022	The higher the rate of COVID-19 vaccinations, the higher the rate of reinfections.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/08/2022	Monkeypox is a form of shingles induced by COVID-19 vaccines in people with HIV, according to an online article.	CRITIC	FALSE
24/08/2022	The AstraZeneca COVID vaccine contains an ingredient called 'chimpanzee adenovirus' that social media users are suggesting is linked to the global outbreak of monkeypox.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/08/2022	Social media users claim a video clip shows Victoria's Chief Health Officer Brett Sutton admitted vaccines did not work against COVID.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/10/2022	Chemical compound graphene oxide is being used in COVID-19 vaccines and can affect the immune system and DNA of those vaccinated, according to an online article.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/10/2022	In Australia, COVID-19 vaccines have caused a surge in deaths, according to social media posts.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
31/10/2022	COVID vaccines damage natural immunity against reinfection among children.	CRITIC	FALSE
31/10/2022	The risk of myocarditis in young people is almost three times greater than death from the disease itself.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
31/10/2022	Pfizer's vaccine trial showed more deaths in the vaccine group than the placebo group.	CRITIC	FALSE
31/10/2022	Denmark and Norway banned COVID vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
31/10/2022	The 'lab leak' theory was suppressed.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/11/2022	A Pfizer official admitted to the EU Parliament that the company's COVID-19 vaccine was never tested for its effect on the transmission of the coronavirus, a member of the European Parliament claims.	CRITIC	FALSE

DATE	CLAIM	CRITIC/ ADVOCATE	VERDICT
12/12/2022	A Herald Sun headline states that a scientist who worked at a Wuhan lab says COVID-19 was a man-made virus.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/02/2023	The government has approved the forced vaccination of Australians by spraying chemicals into the atmosphere using aircraft.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/04/2023	A video of an interview shows ABC journalist Sarah Ferguson accusing Bill Gates of profiting from COVID vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/04/2023	Australia is at risk of losing its sovereignty due to new pandemic prevention measures proposed by the World Health Organization, including changes to the international health regulations and a 'pandemic treaty'.	CRITIC	FALSE

Analysis of RMIT FactLab's investigation of climate change and energy policy claims

DATE	CLAIM	CRITICS/ ACTIVISTS	VERDICT
16/08/2022	Asia has just 31 seconds of available battery storage to supply electricity to the Asia/Pacific region, which signals that Australia cannot rely on battery storage to meet its 'renewable-induced' energy needs.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
22/08/2022	'The problem with crashing any EV is that if you are trapped, you're dead, as it is impossible to remove victims' because the high-voltage battery cannot be safely shut down.	CRITIC	FALSE
30/09/2022	Every country in the world is using nuclear energy except Australia.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/03/2023	Advance Australia claims Our World in Data figures show that global consumption of fossil fuels has fallen by 1.8 per cent since 2000, and renewable energy sources account for 'just over 3 per cent' of global energy consumption.	CRITIC	FALSE
14/09/2022	It is nonsense to say that beef farming accelerates global warming. People are actually saving the planet by eating beef.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/07/2022	Concern about a coral bleaching event earlier this year is exaggerated and alarmist because one reef within the Great Barrier Reef is recovering faster than anticipated, according to the Institute of Public Affairs.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
19/12/2022	An English county council plans to enforce a 'climate lockdown' in 2024, preventing residents from leaving their neighbourhoods without permission from the local authority.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/12/2022	The World Economic Forum recently launched an initiative to euthanise millions of pets.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/04/2022	A former American military project known as HAARP is being used to manipulate the weather.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/12/2023	1,609 scientists have signed a declaration stating there is no climate emergency.	CRITIC	FALSE

Analysis of RMIT FactLab's investigation of identity politics claims

DATE	CLAIM	CRITIC / ADVOCATE	VERDICT
13/05/2022	Ten-year-old girls are required to discuss ejaculations and erections with their fathers under Victoria's Safe Schools program.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/08/2022	Far-right activists claim Shrine of Remembrance CEO lied about threats against the safety of staff following criticism of a planned light display recognising LGBTIQ+ military personnel.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/11/2022	The Victorian government can give permission for school children to undergo 'gender transition' [a term which means social and/or medical transition] without parental knowledge or consent.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/05/2023	Drag queens took over the role of grid girls at the 2023 Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
31/07/2023	Two Queensland airports have renamed Brisbane as Meeanjin, the local Aboriginal name for the city.	CRITIC	FALSE

APPENDIX C:

Full analysis of RMIT ABC Fact Check investigations

Analysis of RMIT ABC Fact Check's investigation of claims regarding politicians and political parties

DATE	CLAIM	VERDICT	WHO BENEFITTED?
27/11/2020	Pauline Hanson has claimed the World Economic Forum's Great Economic Reset is a ploy to push socialist and neo-Marxist policies onto Australians without the people's consent.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
10/12/2020	The Australian National Audit Office's budget has been 'gutted' by 20 per cent over seven years under the Coalition.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
26/02/2021	Josh Frydenberg says welfare dependency was at a 30-year low heading into the pandemic.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL LEFT
23/03/2021	Paul Fletcher says NBN Co was free to award $77.5m in bonuses under the rules covering government-owned businesses.	TRUE	POLITICAL RIGHT
7/05/2021	Scott Morrison has been photographed wearing a decidedly posh Rolex with a price tag of more than $30,000.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
7/05/2021	Josh Frydenberg has claimed that all new jobs created were full-time.	TRUE	POLITICAL RIGHT
14/05/2021	Matt Canavan quoted CS Lewis in saying that the homemaker has the ultimate career.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
28/05/2021	Scott Morrison said increasing the unemployment benefit would return it to the level that prevailed during the time of the Howard government.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
2/06/2021	Scott Morrison has claimed the pandemic recession was '30 times worse than what occurred during the global financial crisis'.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL LEFT
4/06/2021	Labor has claimed that Australia is running 113th in the world on vaccine rollout.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL RIGHT
9/06/2021	Josh Frydenberg says more Australians are in jobs now than before the pandemic.	TRUE	POLITICAL RIGHT
11/06/2021	Daniel Andrews' fall is linked to businessman Lindsay Fox.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
17/06/2021	Adam Bandt has claimed the Disaster Payment of $325 for someone working less than 20 hours is less than minimum wage.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
17/06/2021	Adam Bandt has claimed the Disaster Payment is less than the average rent for a 1 bedroom place in Melbourne.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
17/06/2021	Adam Bandt has claimed the Disaster Payment is below the poverty line.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
29/06/2021	Australia's real wages have 'flatlined' for eight years.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
22/07/2021	Greg Hunt says nearly 90 per cent of people receive their GP services for free.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
29/07/2021	The cost of visiting your doctor has increased by more than 30 per cent since the Coalition took office.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
13/08/2021	Scott Morrison said electric cars would 'end the weekend'.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT

DATE	CLAIM	VERDICT	WHO BENEFITTED?
17/08/2021	Alan Tudge says the Coalition has increased childcare subsidies by 77 per cent since coming to office.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
26/08/2021	Adam Bandt says house prices are rising by $1,200 a day.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
7/09/2021	Labor says wages fell 2.1 per cent over the year to June 2021, the 'fastest drop in 20 years'.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL RIGHT
10/09/2021	A media release supposedly issued by NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian's office outlining a move to a 'cashless society' by 2022.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
14/09/2021	Alex Hawke says Australia's resettlement of refugees ranks third highest globally.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
13/10/2021	Zali Steggall says it's 'perfectly legal' to lie in political advertisements.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
2/12/2021	Australia has slipped to 59th in the world for average broadband speeds since the Coalition took office.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
13/12/2021	The two highest-taxing governments of the past 30 years have been Coalition governments.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
9/02/2022	Scott Morrison says Richard Colbeck has appeared before the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 'many, many times'.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
10/02/2022	Anne Ruston says the government's proposed federal integrity commission would have powers 'well in excess' of a royal commission.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
25/02/2022	Clive Palmer has claimed that three former Australian prime ministers—Joseph Lyons, Billy Hughes, and Sir Robert Menzies—could all be claimed by the UAP.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
2/03/2022	Richard Marles says there are 70,000 fewer apprentices and trainees than there were in 2013.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
17/03/2022	Tanya Plibersek says a Muslim woman on a train in Sydney has no legal protections if someone yells at her for wearing a hijab.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
25/03/2022	Candidate for the Great Australia Party Jason Miles has claimed that an international agreement signed by Australia in 2005 had resulted in '196 nations essentially [agreeing] to hand over all decision making regarding the response to future global emergencies'.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
30/03/2022	Josh Frydenberg has claimed that since the Coalition has been in government, funding for aged care has doubled.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
30/03/2022	Josh Frydenberg has claimed that the Coalition government has approved more than 2,800 new or amended listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
30/03/2022	Josh Frydenberg has claimed bulk-billing is at a record high.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL LEFT
30/03/2022	Josh Frydenberg has claimed Labor taxes more than the Coalition.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
30/03/2022	Josh Frydenberg has claimed there were more than 30,000 new places at university last year.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
30/03/2022	Female workforce participation is at record high and female unemployment at lowest level since 1974 under the Coalition.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL LEFT

DATE	CLAIM	VERDICT	WHO BENEFITTED?
7/04/2022	Jim Chalmers has claimed the election is taking place when the government has the worst set of books since Federation.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
7/04/2022	Anthony Albanese has accused the Coalition of record low wage growth.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL RIGHT
8/04/2022	Clive Palmer has claimed Australia is facing debt "unprecedented in the nation's history".	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
8/04/2022	Clive Palmer has claimed that the UAP is the largest party in Australia.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
8/04/2022	Clive Pamer has claimed that the UAP was the first party to introduce the idea of a federal ICAC.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
8/04/2022	Clive Palmer has claimed that over half of Australians die before they are able to use their superannuation.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
8/04/2022	Bob Katter has claimed that every Australian child was given a rifle in the aftermath of WWII.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
8/04/2022	A campaign poster of Josh Frydenberg graffitied with a swastika has been digitally manipulated.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
8/04/2022	Craig Kelly has claimed that instances of voter fraud cost the sitting MP his seat in Herbert.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
14/04/2022	Scott Morrison has claimed that his Facebook feed gets comments all the time criticizing the government for aiding flood victims.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
20/04/2022	Brendan O'Connor has claimed that the current level of funding was similar to that which occurred under the Rudd-Gillard government.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
20/04/2022	Scott Morrison has claimed that he designed Operation Sovereign Borders, which ended deaths at sea.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL LEFT
20/04/2022	Scott Morrison has claimed Australia vaccinated the whole of Fiji.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
22/04/2022	The Coalition did not break its promise to establish a corruption watchdog.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
22/04/2022	Malcolm Roberts has claimed that Ukraine is "one of the richest countries in the world".	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
29/04/2022	Jim Chalmers claimed the Coalition government taxed, borrowed and spent more than Labor.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
2/05/2022	Anthony Albanese has claimed debt and deficit have never been higher.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
5/05/2022	Penny Wong has claimed that annual aid to Solomon Islands had been cut by 28 per cent compared to Labor's time in office.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL RIGHT
5/05/2022	Anne Ruston said there was "no such thing as poverty".	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
6/05/2022	Labor government would introduce a 'death tax'.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
9/05/2022	Scott Morrison has claimed the federal government has no authority over the leasing of the Port of Darwin to Chinese interests.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL LEFT
9/05/2022	Scott Morrison claimed that the previous Labor government cut defence spending.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL LEFT
9/05/2022	Scott Morrison has claimed that the Coalition was 'defending our country with record investments in defence'.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT

DATE	CLAIM	VERDICT	WHO BENEFITTED?
9/05/2022	Anthony Albanese has claimed that under the Coalition, wages flatlined for a decade.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
12/05/2022	The Morrison current government has gagged debate in parliament more than any government in history.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
12/05/2022	Scott Morrison has claimed that the gender pay gap fell from 17.4 per cent under Labor to 13.8 per cent under the Coalition.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL LEFT
12/05/2022	Anthony Albanese has claimed that Australia fell to 70th in the world for women's economic participation and opportunity.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL RIGHT
12/05/2022	Ministers would be able to decide if something was referred to the proposed integrity commission for investigation.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
12/05/2022	Scott Morrison has claimed that Labor has got a housing policy where if a person gets a wage rise, they must sell their house.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
12/05/2022	Scott Morrison has claimed that the Coalition government is 'providing record numbers of apprenticeships'.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL LEFT
12/05/2022	Scott Morrison has claimed "Bulk billing is at 88.8 per cent. It's up from 82.2 when we first came to government".	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL LEFT
18/05/2022	Michael Sukkar has claimed Coalition policies have pushed first home buyers to their highest levels in 15 years.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
19/05/2022	Adam Bandt has claimed that the fossil fuel industry received $10 billion in federal government subsidies each year.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
19/05/2022	Jason Clare has claimed that 'At four elections in a row, the Liberal Party has promised to scrap Medicare'.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
19/05/2022	Labor is the architect of Medicare.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
19/05/2022	Labor has claimed that the election is a choice between Morrison or Medicare.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
19/05/2022	Labor has claimed that Anne Ruston is on the record criticising bulk-billing, signalling an end to bulk billing if the Morrison government is re-elected.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
19/05/2022	Labor has claimed that the cost of seeing a GP has increased 35% under the Coalition government.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
19/05/2022	Labor has claimed that the Coalition enacted 900 'cuts' to Medicare amid the pandemic.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL RIGHT
20/05/2022	Scott Morrison has claimed that the government's proposed integrity commission would have the powers of a royal commission.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
20/05/2022	Labor has claimed that a re-elected Morrison government would force all pensioners onto its controversial cashless welfare card program.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
20/05/2022	Labor has claimed that a Morrison government promised to 'scrap' Medicare if re-elected for four elections in a row.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
20/05/2022	The Coalition has claimed that a Labor government would introduce a 'sneaky carbon tax'.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
20/05/2022	Josh Frydenberg has claimed the number of Australians in trade apprenticeships was at a record level.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
20/05/2022	Josh Frydenberg has claimed the Coalition government had doubled aged-care funding.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT

DATE	CLAIM	VERDICT	WHO BENEFITTED?
20/05/2022	Anthony Albanese has claimed that the Morrison government had "already doubled the debt before the pandemic".	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
20/05/2022	Jim Chalmers has claimed that the Morrison government "taxed more, borrowed more and spent more than the last Labor government".	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
3/06/2022	The UAP has claimed that the voter turnout for the 2022 federal election was the lowest since 1922.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
9/06/2022	Anthony Albanese has claimed his cabinet has the largest number of women in Australian history.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
10/06/2022	A historically low number of women voted for former prime minister Scott Morrison and the Liberal Party.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
10/06/2022	Katy Gallagher has claimed that Labor inherited the worst set of budget books.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
5/07/2022	Barnaby Joyce says Labor's 2022 primary vote was its lowest since 1910 and not like the election of Rudd, Whitlam or Hawke.	TRUE	POLITICAL RIGHT
5/08/2022	Peter Dutton said the cashless debit card has improved the lives of many users.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
25/08/2022	Andrew Hastie claims Labor commissioned no ships while the Coalition commissioned 70.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
2/09/2022	Sussan Ley said 'no one in the world is making an electric ute'.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
2/09/2022	Katy Gallagher claimed the Commonwealth budget is in worse shape than many of the states' and territories' budgets if measured like for like.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
9/09/2022	Barnaby Joyce has claimed Chris Bowen 'changed the laws on vehicle standards' and that, as a result, people in country areas would be forced to 'pay more for four-wheel drives'.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
30/09/2022	Peter Dutton has claimed that defence spending under Labor had fallen 'to the lowest level since 1938'.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
7/10/2022	Murray Watt claimed that the increase to welfare payments was the 'biggest cost of living increase' for select welfare recipients in 30 years.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
14/10/2022	Matt Canavan has suggested vaccines are behind a rise in excess deaths in Australia.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
21/10/2022	Prime Minister Anthony Albanese claimed that Australia was "the largest non-NATO contributor" to Ukraine's war effort.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
25/10/2022	Jim Chalmers has claimed that debt as a share of GDP is at its highest level in 70 years.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
25/10/2022	Jim Chalmers has claimed real wages are lower today than they were 10 years ago.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
25/10/2022	Mr Chalmers claimed that far fewer people were completing apprenticeships now than when Labor was last in government.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
28/10/2022	Treasurer Jim Chalmers has claimed Labor inherited a budget 'heaving with a trillion dollars in Liberal Party debt'.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
10/11/2022	Federal Labor's anti-corruption commission legislation honours its election commitment 'in both form and substance'.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT

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21/11/2022	The Victorian Labor Party claimed that Matthew Guy cut $1 billion from health.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
24/11/2022	The Victorian Liberals say the state's debt is larger than any other state and larger than NSW, Queensland and Tasmania combined.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
25/11/2022	Daniel Andrews says the state's ambulance response times were the best ever just weeks before the pandemic.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
25/11/2022	Samantha Ratnam has claimed Victorians have lost $66b at the pokies, and are on track for record losses this year.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
3/02/2023	Peter Dutton linked the end of the cashless debit card to crime in Alice Springs.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
8/02/2023	Jason Wood says Labor broke an election promise by introducing a new tax on beer.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
24/02/2023	Independent candidate Riccardo Bosi has claimed that pre-poll votes are subject to tampering.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
3/03/2023	Angus Taylor has claimed that Labor plans to use super as a 'piggy bank' to fund its pet projects.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
9/03/2023	Matt Kean has claimed that the NSW Coalition 'slashed' the social housing waitlist.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
17/03/2023	Sarah Mitchell has claimed New South Wales Labor's school phone ban will allow kids to be 'tracked'.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
21/03/2023	Chris Minns says the people of New South Wales pay more tax than other Australians.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL RIGHT
31/03/2023	Pauline Hanson says Labor broke an 'election promise' on migration.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
14/04/2023	Dan Andrews hired mercenaries to 'bash' Victorians	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
28/04/2023	Peter Dutton claimed that under Labor, the gender pay gap was at 17.4 per cent and reduced to 13.8 per cent under the Coalition.	MISSING CONTEXT	POLITICAL LEFT
5/05/2023	Matt Canavan says Liddell power station's closure is linked to several 'lack of power' alerts.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
8/05/2023	Jim Chalmers says the Coalition racked up all but a 'tiny fraction' of $1 trillion in debt left to Labor.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
11/05/2023	Jim Chalmers claims real wages are growing.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
11/05/2023	Jim Chalmers said the government was boosting Rent Assistance by up to 15 per cent: 'the largest increase in more than 30 years'.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
11/05/2023	Jim Chalmers claimed that a change in eligibility rules for the single parent's payment, at a total cost of $1.9 billion over five years, would overwhelmingly benefit women.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
12/05/2023	Daniel Andrews' has announced digital drivers' licenses, which would be linked to social credit stores.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
12/05/2023	Daniel Andrews' has announced digital drivers' licenses, which is linked to the launch of a smart city.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
25/05/2023	Adam Bandt says rents are rising six times faster than wages.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
26/05/2023	The Albanese government's 60-day prescriptions plan risks medicine shortages.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT

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2/06/2023	The Greens protested a housing project in Port Melbourne despite it delivering more public housing.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
6/06/2023	Angus Taylor says Australia's core inflation is higher than all the countries in the G7.	TRUE	POLITICAL RIGHT
9/06/2023	Proposed changes to Queensland's anti-discrimination laws could see Australians jailed for three years for "offensive" social media posts.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
13/06/2023	Labor backbencher Michelle Ananda-Rajah says there are 122,000 people sleeping rough.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
25/08/2023	Labor is censoring feedback on its misinformation bill.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
31/08/2023	Max Chandler-Mather claims rents are going up at the fastest rate in 35 years.	TRUE	POLITICAL LEFT
6/09/2023	Peter Dutton says Labor cut $1.5 billion from defence in the latest budget.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL LEFT
20/10/2023	Jim Chalmers claims that average full-time workers are $3,700 better off per year under Labor.	MISLEADING	POLITICAL RIGHT
3/11/2023	Jason Wood claims that Labor has introduced a fuel tax that's pushing up inflation.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
17/11/2023	Anthony Albanese has travelled more than other recent PMs.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT
24/11/2023	Mark Dreyfus says there are 56 recommendations in the Robodebt royal commission.	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
1/12/2023	David Shoebridge claimed that Australia was "selling weapons, after weapons, after weapons to Israel".	FALSE	POLITICAL RIGHT
5/12/2023	Simon Birmingham says Labor cut $3.2 billion from the foreign aid budget only to claim credit for putting it back in.	FALSE	POLITICAL LEFT

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13/11/2020	A mink farm outbreak of COVID-19 suggests that the vaccine won't work.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/11/2020	Santiago Abascal has claimed that Spain had the most severe lockdowns in the world.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/11/2020	Victoria has recorded no new cases for two weeks, so active cases are evidence of a government lie.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/11/2020	75 per cent of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine trial participants experienced side effects.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/11/2020	The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine 'tampers' with a person's DNA.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/11/2020	Microsoft founder and billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates aims to "microchip" people using a vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/11/2020	The dates printed on vials of vaccines suggest the pandemic was planned.	CRITIC	FALSE

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27/11/2020	COVID-19 has a survival rate of 99.99 per cent, and the vaccine would kill more people than the virus itself.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/12/2020	A Melbourne man was choked unconscious by security guards for failing to wear a mask.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/12/2020	A Danish study found masks to be ineffective.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/12/2020	A video shows new cremation chambers on their way from Spain to Argentina in preparation for future COVID-19 deaths.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/12/2020	Argentina is making vaccinations mandatory by law as well as protecting pharmaceutical companies from legal challenges.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/12/2020	Argentinian President Alberto Fernández attended a public event without a face mask and with no regard for social distancing.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/12/2020	COVID-19 testing kits are faulty.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/12/2020	COVID-19 has a 'recovery rate' of 99.98 per cent and is no more harmful than the flu.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/12/2020	The pandemic is a 'front' for the enforcement of mandatory vaccines containing microchips.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/12/2020	Doctors and hospitals are paid to record COVID-19 cases and deaths.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/12/2020	Nursing homes in Melbourne were recording deaths not related to coronavirus as being caused by COVID-19 in order to receive payments.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/12/2020	The Australian Border Force has argued that quarantining responsibilities end once passengers clear customs and immigration, at which point responsibility passes to state and territory authorities for hotel quarantine.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
19/02/2021	Victoria's five day lockdown would be much longer.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/02/2021	Health authorities say they've been warning us about airborne transmission for months.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
26/02/2021	The orange tip of the hypodermic needle used to vaccinate the Prime Minister was a 'cap'.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/02/2021	Lockdowns are unnecessary as COVID-19 has a 98% survival rate.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
26/02/2021	Moderna, Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines all remained in a "trial phase" with end dates set for 2022 and 2023.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
26/02/2021	The vaccine can alter a person's DNA.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/02/2021	23 Norwegian people who died after receiving a COVID-19 jab.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
26/02/2021	Joe Biden compared the COVID-19 death toll to that of the two world wars and the Vietnam War combined.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
5/03/2021	Clive Palmer says the Pfizer vaccine has been a departure from 'normal usage under Australian law'.	CRITIC	FALSE
5/03/2021	The Victorian government will be letting kids decide whether they get vaccinated for themselves, provided their school principal allows it.	CRITIC	FALSE

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11/03/2021	Chris Bowen says other countries struck deals for a billion doses of the Pfizer vaccine before Australia signed its agreement.	ADVOCATE	MISLEADING
11/03/2021	The WHO issued advice to countries to reduce the number of PCR cycles undertaken in test analyses as the 'current cycle was much too high' and resulted in 'any particle being declared a positive case'.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/03/2021	Governments can change the way they use PCR tests in order to manipulate COVID-19 case numbers.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/03/2021	Britain's Eat Out to Help Out scheme led to a surge in COVID-19 cases.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
19/03/2021	Vaccines are more dangerous to Israelis than COVID-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/03/2021	In the UK, more than 400 people have died following a COVID-19 jab.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
19/03/2021	A Japanese woman died of a brain haemorrhage in the days after receiving a Pfizer vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/03/2021	A COVID-19 vaccine killed boxing legend Marvin Hagler.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/03/2021	80% of the HMAS Sydney crew fall ill after COVID-19 jabs.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/03/2021	Joe Biden claimed that two months prior, the USA "didn't have nearly enough vaccine supply to vaccinate all, or even near all, of the American public" but soon would.	ADVOCATE	MISSING CONTEXT
25/03/2021	An Australian overdosing event is linked to an AZ vaccine controversy, where a number of European countries paused the rollout of the jab over claims that it may cause blood clots.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/03/2021	The vaccine approval process was rushed.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/04/2021	British adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccines include 3787 blood disorders, 3426 heart disorders, 36,356 intestinal disorders and 68,797 nervous system disorders including brain damage and strokes.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/04/2021	COVID-19 vaccines contain tissue from aborted foetuses.	CRITIC	FALSE
16/04/2021	Australia had outperformed Germany, New Zealand, South Korea and Japan at the same stage of their vaccination rollouts.	ADVOCATE	MISLEADING
16/04/2021	Being vaccinated against coronavirus makes you more likely to catch the South African variant.	CRITIC	FALSE
16/04/2021	Chinese President Xi Jinping "invented" lockdowns which are "rejected" by science.	CRITIC	FALSE
16/04/2021	Scott Morrison claimed Australia was outperforming other countries with its coronavirus vaccination rollout.	ADVOCATE	MISLEADING
23/04/2021	Masks are "useless" and "actively damaging to individual health and social wellbeing".	CRITIC	FALSE
30/04/2021	COVID-19 vaccines adversely affect women's periods.	CRITIC	FALSE
30/04/2021	Nebulisers can be used as an alternative to oxygen in the treatment of COVID-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
30/04/2021	WA has been taking the most returning international arrivals during the pandemic.	ADVOCATE	TRUE

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7/05/2021	People vaccinated against COVID-19 can "shed" the virus and infect those around them.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/05/2021	The AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine produced a major blood clot on someone's arm.	CRITIC	FALSE
14/05/2021	Airlines are banning vaccinated travellers.	CRITIC	FALSE
14/05/2021	COVID-19 vaccines have not passed animal testing.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/05/2021	Governments, health organisations, philanthropists and others involved in managing the COVID-19 pandemic will be prosecuted for breaches of the Nuremberg Code.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/05/2021	COVID-19 vaccines have magnetic qualities.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/05/2021	The B.1.617 variant has not spread to Pakistan or other countries lying between India and the UK.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/05/2021	The low vaccination rate in Hong Kong may be attributed to the low safety of the Sinovac vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/05/2021	South Korea "offloaded" 400,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine to Taiwan because the nation believed it to be "inferior".	CRITIC	FALSE
28/05/2021	A Taiwanese legislator recommended drinking water and taking hot baths as COVID-19 treatments.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/06/2021	An Indian Variant does not exist.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/06/2021	210 people have died in Australia as a result of getting vaccinated.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/06/2021	The TGA has reported 210 deaths and over 24,000 adverse reactions after COVID vaccinations.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/06/2021	10 pregnant women had suffered miscarriages in the US as a result of vaccination.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/06/2021	920 miscarriages had been linked to the vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/06/2021	Vaccines lead to infertility in women.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/06/2021	Christian Eriksen's collapse is related to the vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/06/2021	Dr Fauci will profit by releasing a book collating his interviews and speeches throughout the pandemic.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/06/2021	Louise Hampton's megaphone speech to people in line for the vaccine did not contain misinformation.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/06/2021	Between three and seven British Airways pilots have died as a result of COVID-19 vaccination.	CRITIC	FALSE
2/07/2021	Singapore has abandoned the goal of COVID zero and has begun treating the virus as any other endemic disease.	CRITIC	FALSE
2/07/2021	The World Health Organisation has argued that it is unsafe for children to be vaccinated.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
9/07/2021	Clive Palmer says 50 per cent of animals involved in trials for Australia's COVID vaccines died.	CRITIC	FALSE
15/07/2021	Scott Morrison says hotel quarantine has been 99.9 per cent successful.	ADVOCATE	MISLEADING

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16/07/2021	Labor senator Kristina Keneally said Prime Minister Scott Morrison rejected the idea of using Wellcamp Airport in Toowoomba for a quarantine facility after claiming the runway wasn't big enough for jets.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
16/07/2021	The fatality rate of the Delta variant was "one-tenth to one-twentieth" of the "original Alpha strain" of the virus.	CRITIC	FALSE
23/07/2021	The federal government's COVID-19 app wasn't behind TikTok 'predictions' of NSW case numbers.	CRITIC	FALSE
30/07/2021	US health experts said PCR tests cannot distinguish between COVID-19 and the flu.	CRITIC	FALSE
30/07/2021	Scott Morrison said 'it's not a race' in reference to the vaccine rollout.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
30/07/2021	Jeremy McAnulty announced "all but one" of more than 40 COVID-19 patients in intensive care had been vaccinated.	CRITIC	FALSE
30/07/2021	President Biden claimed that "you're not going to get COVID if you have these vaccinations".	ADVOCATE	FALSE
30/07/2021	Joe Biden claimed that in the USA, of 10,000 people who had recently died from COVID-19, 9,950 of them were unvaccinated.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
6/08/2021	People who are fully vaccinated appear more likely to catch COVID-19 than those who aren't.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/08/2021	Scott Morrison has argued that meeting the government's original vaccine timetable would not have put Australia in a different position.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
6/08/2021	Emmanuel Macron admonished anti-vaxxers.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/08/2021	Lockdowns and face masks do not work.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/08/2021	6,000 people have died as a result of COVID-19 immunisation in the USA.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/08/2021	The one million Pfizer doses bought from Poland are defective.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/08/2021	The one million Pfizer doses bought from Poland are counterfeit.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/08/2021	Breastfed babies are at risk from vaccinated mothers.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/08/2021	Restrictions imposed in Sydney in July were "the harshest measures any place in Australia has ever faced".	ADVOCATE	FALSE
27/08/2021	The death of a year 12 Chatswood student was because of the Pfizer vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/08/2021	Two children died after being inoculated in a mass of 24,000 kids that were ushered into a sports arena to be vaccinated in the absence of any adults.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/08/2021	A 52-year-old man died from "sudden onset myocarditis" after receiving the Pfizer vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/08/2021	Thousands of people around the world have had their immune system attack nerve cells after the vaccine, causing inflammation, numbness, muscle weakness and difficulty walking.	CRITIC	TRUE
27/08/2021	Wearing cloth masks is associated with significant increased risk of contracting a viral respiratory infection.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT

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31/08/2021	WA's vaccine passport border restrictions breach s117 of the constitution.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/09/2021	Germany has paused its vaccine rollout for two weeks.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/09/2021	Report from 57 'scientists, doctors and policy experts' calls into question vaccine safety.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
8/09/2021	Two studies prove that ivermectin is an effective COVID-19 treatment.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/09/2021	Screenshots from the TGA Database of Adverse Event Notifications shows 73 pages of vaccine related adverse reactions.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/09/2021	Joe Biden's immigration policy is responsible for the outbreak of COVID-19 in the USA.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/09/2021	Nicki Minaj claimed that her cousin in Trinidad had refused to get vaccinated after his friend's testicles had become swollen following the jab.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/09/2021	Ivermectin causes infertility.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
17/09/2021	Australian doctors are under a 'gag order' from regulators preventing them from sharing their views on COVID-19 vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
21/09/2021	Mark Butler says teenagers with COVID-19 are ending up in hospital at a rate of one in 30.	ADVOCATE	MISSING CONTEXT
23/09/2021	Annastacia Palaszczuk says COVID-19 modelling predicts 80 deaths a day and ultimately 2,240 a month.	ADVOCATE	MISLEADING
24/09/2021	Daniel Andrews is not planning to strip Medicare coverage from unvaccinated Victorians.	CRITIC	FALSE
24/09/2021	A NSW Health document authorising the administration of COVID-19 vaccines by defence force medical technicians has been shared online as apparent "proof" that the vaccines are "poison".	CRITIC	FALSE
1/10/2021	Martin Foley wrongly has suggested that 95 per cent of hospitalised COVID-19 patients were partially or fully vaccinated.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/10/2021	A Melbourne pandemic protester died after being hit by rubber bullets.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/10/2021	A funeral truck was emblazoned with the slogan 'Don't get vaccinated'.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/10/2021	A viral video proves Poland has condemned Australia's lockdowns.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/10/2021	Unvaccinated people do not pose a risk to those who are vaccinated.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/10/2021	Businesses can refuse entry to unvaccinated patrons without falling foul of discrimination laws.	ADVOCATE	MISSING CONTEXT
15/10/2021	An independent expert witness who appeared before the NSW Supreme Court cast doubt on the safety of COVID-19 vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
15/10/2021	COVID-19 vaccines contain graphene oxide.	CRITIC	FALSE
15/10/2021	Immunisation poses a greater risk to children than COVID-19 itself.	CRITIC	FALSE
22/10/2021	Children could be vaccinated at school without parental consent.	CRITIC	FALSE
22/10/2021	UN armoured medical vehicles aiming to vaccinate the unvaccinated were spotted in regional NSW.	CRITIC	FALSE

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29/10/2021	A man vaccinated for COVID-19 fainted in front of Prince Charles.	CRITIC	FALSE
5/11/2021	Requiring people to check in with a QR code breaches Australian law.	CRITIC	FALSE
5/11/2021	Requiring proof of vaccination status breaches Australian law.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/11/2021	Victoria's proposed pandemic laws would give Daniel Andrews the power to declare a permanent pandemic lockdown.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/11/2021	Year 12 students having to wear face masks in their final exams could affect their performance.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/11/2021	Vaccines are behind a rise in hospitalisations.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/11/2021	Vaccines had led to a surge in fatalities from myocarditis.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/11/2021	NSW businesses are liable for vaccine adverse effects.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/11/2021	The Italian COVID-19 death toll was amended.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/11/2022	One Nation senator Malcolm Roberts has identified a 'staggering decline' in Australian births and suggested that this was due to COVID-19 vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/11/2021	A Freedom rally in Melbourne was 'possibly the largest ever' in Australia.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/11/2021	Vaccines are killing all the footballers.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/12/2021	In England, more people are dying with COVID who are double-vaxxed than unvaxed.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
3/12/2021	The Omicron virus variant is a massive cover-up of vaccine side-effects.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/12/2021	A 'detox' will undo your vaccination.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/12/2021	The ingredients in the Pfizer vaccine are not 'illegal' in Australia for kids under 16.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/12/2021	The sudden death of a 26-year-old rugby player in Scotland is linked to the vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/12/2021	Melbourne AFL player Jake Lever fainted at a training session because of the vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/12/2021	Pfizer "miscounted" or "publicly misreported" the number of deaths that occurred during clinical trials of its COVID-19 vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/12/2021	Melbourne is the world's most locked-down city.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/01/2022	A seven-year-old boy died in NSW after getting the vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/02/2022	Prestigious medical journal The Lancet advocated against vaccine mandates.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/02/2022	50,000 trucks protesting vaccine mandates descended on Ottawa.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/02/2022	George Christensen has claimed that a new study vindicates the usage of ivermectin to treat COVID-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/02/2022	Labor has called the federal government to make RATs free, as they cost $20-30 per test.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
17/02/2022	You can't contract COVID twice.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/02/2022	mRNA vaccines are 'really gene therapy'.	CRITIC	FALSE

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17/02/2022	Ivermectin can prevent COVID-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/02/2022	COVID-19 response protesters were injured by 'sonic weapons'.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/02/2022	COVID-19 vaccines cause HIV/AIDS.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/02/2022	The Queen has been treated with ivermectin.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/02/2022	Mask-wearing causes you to inhale higher than average levels of CO2 for prolonged periods.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/02/2022	Defrosting and injecting the vaccine could 'deform' the 'nanoparticles in the genetic vaccines'.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/03/2022	Anti-vaxxers say a new study claims mRNA vaccines can alter your DNA.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/03/2022	COVID-19 was leaked from the Wuhan Institute of Virology.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/03/2022	Josh Frydenberg has claimed that the Omicron variant is 75 per cent less severe than the Delta variant.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
11/03/2022	George Christensen says 'elites' have suddenly started hiding vaccinated death statistics.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/03/2022	Craig Kelly has claimed that a document from Pfizer listing 1291 adverse events is evidence of the vaccine's harm.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/03/2022	Gerard Rennick has referenced a document from Pfizer to claim that vaccine side effects have been covered up.	CRITIC	FALSE
25/03/2022	Official UK data suggests jabs put you at greater risk of COVID-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/04/2022	A video featuring the Chief Health Officer of Queensland discussing deaths from myocarditis caused by COVID-19 vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/04/2022	Cliver Palmer has claimed that 1222 deaths were attributable to COVID-19 vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/04/2022	Clive Palmer has claimed that hydroxychloroquine may be used as a treatment for COVID-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/04/2022	Clive Palmer has claimed that for a COVID-19 vaccine-related death to be officially counted, it must occur in a person who had received at least two doses.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/04/2022	Clive Palmer has claimed that Victoria's lockdown was the biggest lockdown in the world's history.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/04/2022	Clive Palmer has claimed that the reversal of the Queensland Chief Health Officer to ban hydroxychloroquine is an acknowledgment that it can treat COVID-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
14/04/2022	Ukraine has given one-off emergency wartime payments to citizens depending on vaccine status.	CRITIC	FALSE
22/04/2022	Craig Kelly has claimed that vaccines may be administered opportunistically when a patient is unconscious.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/04/2022	Matthew Lloyd has suggested that COVID-19 jabs fuelled a rise in heart conditions and Bell's palsy.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/04/2022	Bill Gates planned to depopulate the world via vaccination.	CRITIC	FALSE

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6/05/2022	Millennials in America experienced an 84 per cent increase in excess deaths due to COVID-19 vaccines in 2021.	CRITIC	FALSE
13/05/2022	Pfizer documents do not show its COVID-19 vaccine is unsafe for pregnant women.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/05/2022	An outbreak of Japanese encephalitis is really being caused by adverse reactions to Pfizer's vaccine.	CRITIC	FALSE
18/05/2022	Centrelink payments are to be made conditional on COVID-19 vaccination.	CRITIC	FALSE
3/06/2022	Legal immunity afforded to Victorian bureaucrats for pandemic public health decisions is the most shocking political cover up in Australian history.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/06/2022	Malcolm Roberts has claimed Australia is at risk of being forced to adopt restrictive health measures by the World Health Organization (WHO).	CRITIC	FALSE
10/06/2022	A Canadian news outlet did not say the Pfizer jab had 'a 12 per cent efficacy rate'.	CRITIC	FALSE
17/06/2022	Monkeypox is a side effect of COVID-19 vaccination dubbed VAIDS, or "vaccine-acquired immunodeficiency syndrome".	CRITIC	FALSE
24/06/2022	Mark Latham says more than 13,699 NSW teachers cannot work because of their vaccine status.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
24/06/2022	COVID-19 vaccines have resulted in the increases in Sudden Adult Death Syndrome.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/07/2022	Naomi Wolf claims COVID-19 vaccines caused a baby 'die-off'.	CRITIC	FALSE
15/07/2022	Vaccines caused Germany's birth rate to plunge.	CRITIC	FALSE
22/07/2022	There is a link between coronavirus vaccines and an increased heaviness of menstrual cycles.	CRITIC	TRUE
29/07/2022	The sudden death of a two year old child is due to double vaccination.	CRITIC	FALSE
5/08/2022	COVID-19 reinfections are increasing due to rising vaccinations.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/08/2022	A Brisbane doctor was sacked after revealing a link between vaccines and miscarriages.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/08/2022	Denmark has banned COVID-19 jab for under 18s.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/08/2022	Brett Sutton claimed COVID-19 vaccines never worked.	CRITIC	FALSE
2/09/2022	Vaccines have caused a surge in deaths among children.	CRITIC	FALSE
2/09/2022	A COVID-19 vaccine ingredient causes monkeypox.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/09/2022	The UK has changed its COVID-19 vaccine guidelines for pregnant women.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/09/2022	The top US court ruled that COVID-19 vaccines caused 'irreparable' damage.	CRITIC	FALSE
14/10/2022	Matt Canavan has suggested vaccines are behind a rise in excess deaths in Australia.	CRITIC	FALSE
14/10/2022	Vaccines contain a substance called graphene oxide that can be controlled through 5G.	CRITIC	FALSE

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21/10/2022	A Pfizer spokeswoman "admitted" that the company's COVID-19 vaccine was "never tested on preventing transmission".	CRITIC	FALSE
28/10/2022	Half of respondents to a survey said they regretted getting vaccinated against Covid-19 or were happy with their decision to remain unvaccinated.	CRITIC	FALSE
4/11/2022	A photograph of a heavily armed policeman telling children to leave the beach was taken depicts a feature of Daniel Andrews' COVID-19 response.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/02/2023	The federal government approved the use of "chemtrails" to vaccinate the population forcibly against COVID-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
28/04/2023	A new study on masks is being used to claim they are harmful to human health.	CRITIC	FALSE
12/05/2023	The TGA has 'surrendered' on ivermectin.	CRITIC	FALSE
9/06/2023	Garlic kills COVID-19.	CRITIC	FALSE
23/06/2023	A fall in births may be attributed to the coronavirus in Australia.	CRITIC	FALSE
2/12/2023	An anti-vax film suggests that there are a plethora of news reports about sudden deaths in otherwise healthy people proves the dangers of the vaccines.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/12/2023	Aussie infants aren't quietly being given a new 'genetic vaccine'.	CRITIC	FALSE

Analysis of RMIT ABC Fact Check's investigation of climate change and energy policy claims

DATE	CLAIM	CRITIC / ADVOCATE	VERDICT
1/12/2020	Anthony Albanese says Labor achieved a 15 per cent reduction in carbon emissions when it was last in Government, and that the Coalition has only achieved 1 per cent.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
5/03/2021	Renewable energies played a role in a blackout following a Texan storm.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/05/2021	850,000 jobs are dependent on the aggregation of supply chains and associated manufacturing ventures that draw on gas directly.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/05/2021	70 per cent of Australia's trade is with nations committed to net-zero emissions.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
6/08/2021	Sussan Ley claimed UNESCO's recommendation to list the reef among the world's endangered sites was "a deviation from normal process in assessing World Heritage property conservation status".	CRITIC	FALSE
21/10/2021	Barnaby Joyce says fossil fuels are Australia's largest export.	CRITIC	FALSE
27/10/2021	The number of polar bears has increased.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/10/2021	In order to reach the net zero goal, the UN has claimed we can only eat 14g of meat a day.	CRITIC	FALSE
10/11/2021	Alexander Downer says private jets carrying delegates to COP26 would emit more carbon than Scotland does in a year.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/11/2021	Scott Morrison has claimed that Labor's EV policy removed choice for consumers and told them where to drive.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/12/2021	Scott Morrison says there are only four countries in the G20 with a better emissions record than Australia's.	ADVOCATE	MISLEADING

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5/05/2023	Matt Canavan says Liddell power station's closure is linked to several 'lack of power' alerts.	CRITIC	FALSE
20/05/2022	Prime Minister Scott Morrison has claimed: "Australia is reducing its emissions by around 20 per cent".	ADVOCATE	MISLEADING
20/05/2022	Communications Minister Paul Fletcher has claimed that Australia's emissions are 20 per cent down on 2005 levels, making it ahead of New Zealand, Canada and the US.	ADVOCATE	FALSE
20/05/2022	Josh Frydenberg has claimed that Australia is ahead of the OECD in reducing emissions.	ADVOCATE	MISLEADING
24/06/2022	Germany is overwhelmingly powered by brown coal.	CRITIC	FALSE
1/07/2022	Tasmanian Liberal MP Felix Ellis has claimed that old-growth forests are actually net carbon emitters.	CRITIC	FALSE
15/07/2022	Global temperatures have stopped rising.	CRITIC	FALSE
29/07/2022	Coral bleaching on the Great Barrier Reef has been overstated.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
22/07/2022	The population of polar bears has increased dramatically.	CRITIC	FALSE
8/07/2022	A Dutch tractor blockade is about climate targets.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/08/2022	Asia has 31 seconds of battery storage.	CRITIC	MISLEADING
26/08/2022	It is impossible to remove people trapped in an electric vehicle crash.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/08/2022	Barnaby Joyce says Labor has changed the law on fuel emissions standards.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/08/2022	Beef farming does not accelerate global warming.	CRITIC	FALSE
7/10/2022	Australia is the only country without nuclear power.	CRITIC	FALSE
22/09/2022	Climate change is a net benefit to the planet, because of the "greening" effect of increased atmospheric carbon dioxide on plant growth.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
10/11/2023	Koalas are being euthanised to make way for a Queensland wind farm.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
15/01/2020	Arson was responsible for the 2020 bushfires, not climate change.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/08/2022	Scotland axed 14 million trees to make way for wind farms.	CRITIC	MISSING CONTEXT
3/02/2022	Angus Taylor, claimed that '[w]hen the carbon tax went into place in this country, one in eight manufacturing jobs was destroyed'.	CRITIC	FALSE
6/04/2022	Scott Morrison has claimed that Australia has reduced its emissions by around 20%, making it ahead of NZ, Canada, the USA, Japan, as well as many countries in Europe.	ADVOCATE	MISLEADING
12/05/2022	Anthony Albanese has claimed that renewables are the cheapest form of new energy.	ADVOCATE	TRUE
25/10/2022	Jim Chalmers claimed that renewables are a cheaper form of energy than fossil fuels.	ADVOCATE	TRUE

Analysis of RMIT ABC Fact Check's investigation of identity politics claims

DATE	CLAIM	CRITIC / ADVOCATE	VERDICT
7/10/2022	Mark Latham said just 0.17 per cent of Australians are transgender.	CRITIC	FALSE
11/11/2022	Binary Australia claimed Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews's policy allows 'gender transition' without parental consent.	CRITIC	FALSE
19/05/2023	Elon Musk has claimed that crimes involving black perpetrators and white victims are nine times more likely to occur than the opposite.	CRITIC	FALSE
26/05/2023	Federal Liberal candidate Katherine Deves has claimed that 'half of all males with trans identities are sex offenders'.	CRITIC	FALSE

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