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Thank you for setting up a committee to look into online falsehood. I first read it at <http://www.straitstimes.com/politics/select-committee-on-fake-news-seeks-public-suggestions-will-hold-open-hearings-in-march>

Fake news can create division on society. It can be used by certain group to manipulate the mass.

We cannot control the web sites, as they can be hosted oversea. However, we can control the owners/managers. So long they are Singaporean or reside in Singapore, they should be bound by rules of accountability & transparency. The law can require the owners & managers to:

1. Have name that is not misleading. If you do not represent a group, a place, a company, then claiming to be one is misleading.
2. Register with contactable email, physical address (not PO Box) and phone number.
3. Declare the real individuals behind the web site.

An example that impacts >100 families in Singapore is <http://www.teresavilleowners.com/> It was setup by anonymous claiming to be owners of Teresa Ville, a condominium in Singapore. The web site does not have any contact at all. Checking via Whois service, it reveals that the website real owner is hidden behind a company that is not in Singapore. As you can see from the attachment, the contacts clearly show they do not wish to be contacted. The email address and company name reveal that. Compare that with a website I setup. You can see the contrast.

The website name is teresa ville owners, but they do not represent the owners. Attempt to reach out to them have been ignored.

Thank you in advance.

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