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## **X’s refusal to remove violent content ‘extraordinary’: Albanese**

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X’s refusal to not remove violent videos and images of the alleged stabbing of Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel from its global servers is “extraordinary”, Anthony Albanese says.

“There is now a recognition that misinformation is a problem on social media,” the prime minister said while visiting Mackay on Monday.

He said other organisations had responded to requests to remove posts showing the violence in Sydney last week.

“X chose not to ... I find it extraordinary that X chose not to comply and are trying to argue their case.”



Prime Minister Anthony Albanese in Mackay, Queensland, on Monday. **Dominic Lorrimer**  
Australians wanted an end to misinformation and disinformation, Albanese said.

“This isn’t about freedom of expression.

“This is about the dangerous implications that can occur when things that are simply not true – that everyone knows is not true – are replicated and weaponised in order to cause division, and in this case, to promote negative statements and potentially to just inflame what was a very difficult situation.”

His comments came as Treasurer Jim Chalmers joined the ministerial pile on against X’s refusal to comply with Australian orders to remove violent content from all its global servers.

“Australians should be filthy about the way that Elon Musk is behaving in this respect. He should comply with our laws,” Chalmers said.

“I think all of us are concerned in one way or another about the capacity for social media to spread misinformation and disinformation, and as the owner of one of the main platforms, he should care about that too.”



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