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Dear Mr Pirani

Palmer United Party – Concerns about ballot papers cast for the election of Senators for the State of Western Australia

We act for the Palmer United Party (the **Party**), which has fielded two candidates for the election of Senators for Western Australia in the current senate election, being Zhenya Wang and Chamonix Terblanche.

We are instructed to advise that our client is most concerned about both the conduct of the poll for the election of Senators for the State of Western Australia, and the scrutiny of ballot papers in that election.

In particular our client is concerned about the authenticity of ballot papers cast in that election. Our client is of the view that it currently cannot be satisfied of the authenticity of any ballot papers cast in that election.

Accordingly we are instructed to request that by no later than 10 am tomorrow morning (3 October), the AEC supply both the Party and the candidates mentioned above with:

- 1. a list of the Issuing Officers who were issuing ballot papers on polling day in each of the polling places in Western Australia for the purposes of electors casting ordinary votes in the Senate election, along with their specimen initials as used to initial those ballot papers; and
- 2. a list of the Issuing Officers who were issuing ballot papers in pre-poll voting centres in Western Australia, for the purposes of electors casting ordinary votes in the Senate election, along with their specimen initials as used to initial those ballot papers

(together, the Issuing Officers Lists).



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If you are not prepared to provide these Issuing Officers Lists we ask that you provide reasons for your decision by no later than 10 am tomorrow morning (3 September).

We thank you in anticipation of your assistance.

Yours faithfully

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