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To: s47F
Cc: s47F
Subject: RE: Priority Flaggers [SEC - OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 15 September 2023 1:43:42 PM
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Hi s47F

Thanks for letting me know and for sharing the reasons for your decision.

Of course the offer remains open and we look forward to continuing to work with you through existing channels.

Cheers,

s47F

On Tue, 12 Sep 2023 at 5:24 pm, EIAT <EIAT@aec.gov.au> wrote:

Dear s47F

Thank you for your patience and for the information you have provided in relation to the Priority Flagger program. I am now writing to advise of the delegate's decision.

Our relationship and ongoing collaboration with online platforms is an asset to the AEC, and has been the subject of public interest over the past few years. In order to facilitate public trust in electoral institutions, the AEC must be, and be seen to be, transparent in its dealings with key external stakeholders, including online media platforms. As such, it is the agency's view that non-disclosure obligations, specifically, the existence of a non-disclosure agreement between the AEC and Google, presents, at this time, a risk to the AEC. We also consider that we are satisfied with the current referral processes open to the AEC.

Thank you for your offer for the AEC to be a part of the Priority Flagger program, alongside the ongoing collaboration Google has with the AEC leading up to the Referendum. I ask that we keep the door open for the AEC to be a Priority Flagger in future.

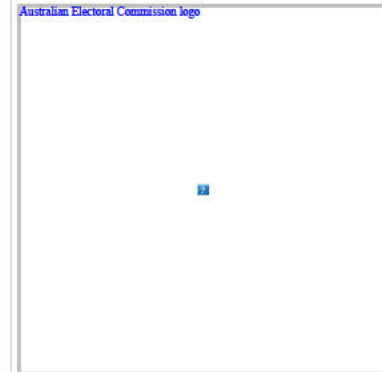
Kind regards,

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From: s47F
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 9:41 AM
To: EIAT <EIAT@aec.gov.au>
Cc: s47F
Subject: RE: Priority Flaggers [SEC - OFFICIAL]

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Good morning s47F

Thanks again for your email and patience while I confirmed with our internal teams.

We don't have any requirements beyond what is stated on the website. Priority Flaggers sign an NDA, receive training on how the program works and ensure we have a point of contact. In terms of policy verticals, we can onboard the AEC under the electoral misinformation policy but you are free to report other content you consider to be violative of our broader Community Guidelines.

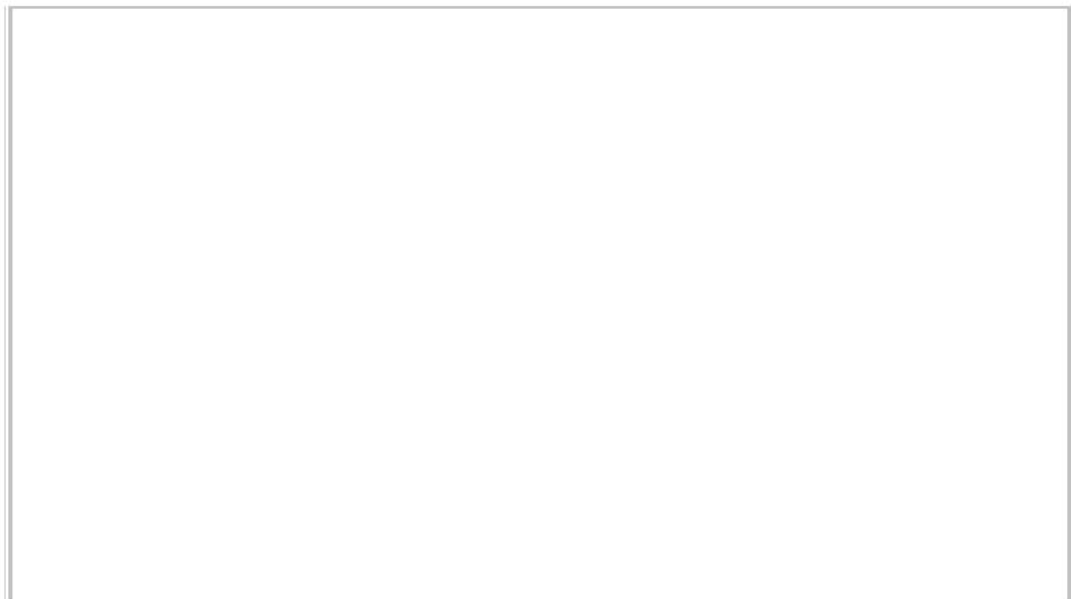
The NDA I shared previously has now lapsed but I can arrange for a new NDA to be sent today. Just a flag that our internal teams like between 3-4 weeks advance notice (we can explore whether there is some flexibility here) so we would need to move quickly if you'd like to be onboarded prior to the referendum.

Please confirm if you would like me to send through a new NDA and if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

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On Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 7:23 AM [\[REDACTED\]](#) wrote:

[Hi \[REDACTED\]](#),

Thanks for your email. Just let me confirm some details with our internal teams and I'll revert.

Cheers,

[\[REDACTED\]](#)

On Tue, 15 Aug 2023, 7:59 pm EIAT, <EIAT@aec.gov.au> wrote:

[Hi \[REDACTED\]](#),

I hope you've been well. Sincere apologies for the delay in response. We've been coming down from finalising the Fadden by-election, and just now are turning our minds back to ensuring arrangements are appropriate for referrals ahead of the Referendum.

As such, we are in the process of receiving approval for signature of the NDA. In the context of this document, we're interested in knowing the next steps so we can brief up appropriately – specifically whether we can expect to receive an agreement outlining the requirements of Priority Flaggers in full. We note that your [website](#) outlines obligations generally, but I refer to your comments below in relation to non-disclosure of content from Youtube, and also that Youtube may modify requirements to participation in the program.

Further, as discussed by [\[REDACTED\]](#), we confirm that the AEC would likely need to be onboarded against your Electoral Misinformation policy. Could you please clarify if our referral will be prioritised if we report content against other policies that indirectly relate to the election? We note that there may be some limited scenarios that we may need to report harmful or threatening content (threats against polling staff or the Electoral Commission) and we suspect it may not be covered by the Electoral Misinformation Policy.

Kind Regards

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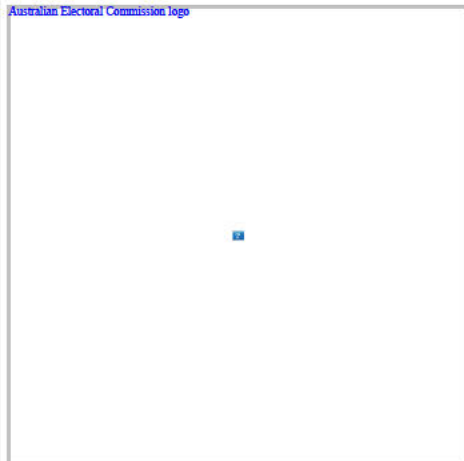
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From: [\[REDACTED\]](#)

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 7:23 AM

To: EIAT <EIAT@aec.gov.au>

Cc: [\[REDACTED\]](#)

Subject: RE: YouTube Trusted Flaggers [SEC: OFFICIAL]

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[Hi \[REDACTED\]](#),

I hope this finds you well, despite what I expect is a very busy time for you!

I am following up on the AEC's participation in the Trusted Flagger program to see if this remains of interest?

Cheers,

[\[REDACTED\]](#)

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