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Thanks s47F - and great to meet you s47F!

And likewise, if there is anything we can do to assist please don't hesitate to reach out.

Cheers,

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On Tue, Sep 19, 2023 at 3:20 PM EIAT <EIAT@aec.gov.au> wrote:

Hi s47F,

Many thanks for following this up and appreciate your efforts confirming these processes. Thank you also for making yourself available for urgent matter in lead up to polling day, hopefully it will not be needed.

I've copied in s47F she's a new Assistant Director in the Defending Democracy Unit who, along with myself, will be working with online platforms.

If you have any questions for the EIAT or the AEC in the coming weeks please don't hesitate to let me know.

Kind regards,

s47F | Project Officer

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From: s47F
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 2:44 PM
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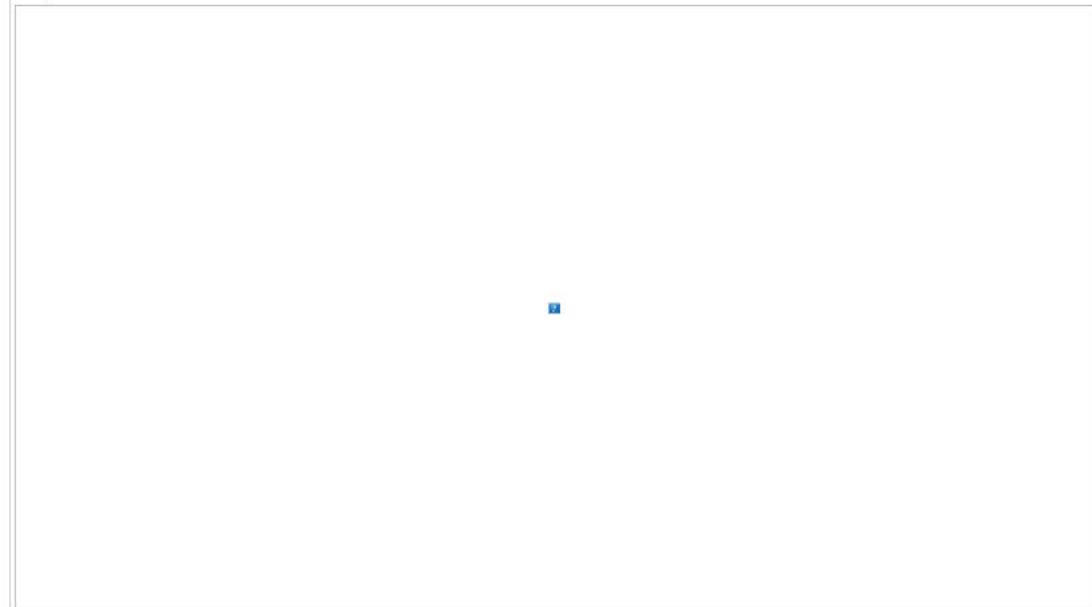
Hi s47F,

Thanks for your patience. I have responded below to your questions but please let me know if a follow up chat would be useful.

And, of course, if there is anything urgent in the lead up to and the day of the referendum, please feel free to call me on the number below.

Cheers,

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On Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 4:24 PM EIAT <EIAT@aec.gov.au> wrote:

Hi s47F,

Apologies for the delay in following up on these scenarios and thank you very much for taking the time to review and complete them. I did have a few quick questions I'm hoping you can clarify.

Scenario 4: If the communication has been authorised by a foreign person or entity then it would be in breach of the Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act. With no investigation required, looking to confirm the AEC can submit a government webform to refer the content if required? **Yes**

Scenario 6: In this scenario, depending on the severity of the threat, law enforcement may also utilise their existing points of contact and/or the EIAT secretariate may submit a government webform and be responsible for notifying Google's Government and Public Policy team via email. **Correct, and noted.**

Scenario 7: Again, depending on the nature of the threat, hoping to confirm that the EIAT secretariate (the AEC) can submit a government webform form and/or that the AEC can also refer the content as a breach of guidelines if the severity does not reach thresholds? In this instance, we'd be grateful if we could also notify GAPPANZ of a breach of your guidelines, particular as this referral would likely be in relation to the safety or privacy of our AEC staff. **Government webform and cc notification to GAPPANZ appropriate for all scenarios, including breach of guidelines.**

Scenario 10: This scenario considers content that may be in breach of Google and YouTube's guidelines but does not breach any Australian laws. Can I confirm s47G(1(b)) is the best referral pathway?

Note: earlier this year s47F shared some Google and YouTube Election Escalation Pathways, though slightly out of date now (see attachment). While the government webform is our preferred pathway, happy to follow the guidance in the PDF if more appropriate.

Government webform and cc to GAPPANZ is the best referral pathway.

Appreciate that's quite a bit of information. Happy to discuss any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

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From: 547F

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 1:53 PM

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Hi 547F,

Please find attached Google's responses to the scenarios.

Apologies again for the delay in getting this to you but thanks for your understanding!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers,

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On Wed, Aug 23, 2023 at 10:14 AM EIAT <EIAT@aec.gov.au> wrote:

Good morning 547F,

In preparation for the upcoming referendum, and as mentioned in previous engagement with the AEC, the Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce (EIAT) has developed a series of Online Platform Escalation Scenarios. These scenarios (attached) include examples of referendum process related content that the EIAT may seek to refer to your platform as a possible breach of Commonwealth legislation and/or your platform policies.

We'd appreciate your review of the scenarios as well as populating the template with your preferred referral and escalation pathway for each scenario. Please include any additional requirements, such as being notified by email in addition to the use of a formal referral/reporting portal if applicable. The EIAT is also seeking some clarity on data retention policies specific to each scenario, including the length of time your platform retains data for, the type of information retained and your preferred pathways for receiving legal notices.

We would appreciate if you could have these scenarios completed and returned by COB Wednesday 6 September 2023. To assist you in completing these, the EIAT would be glad to meet in early September and discuss the scenarios further. Please let us know if you wish to meet and we will look to arrange a suitable time.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Kind regards,

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