

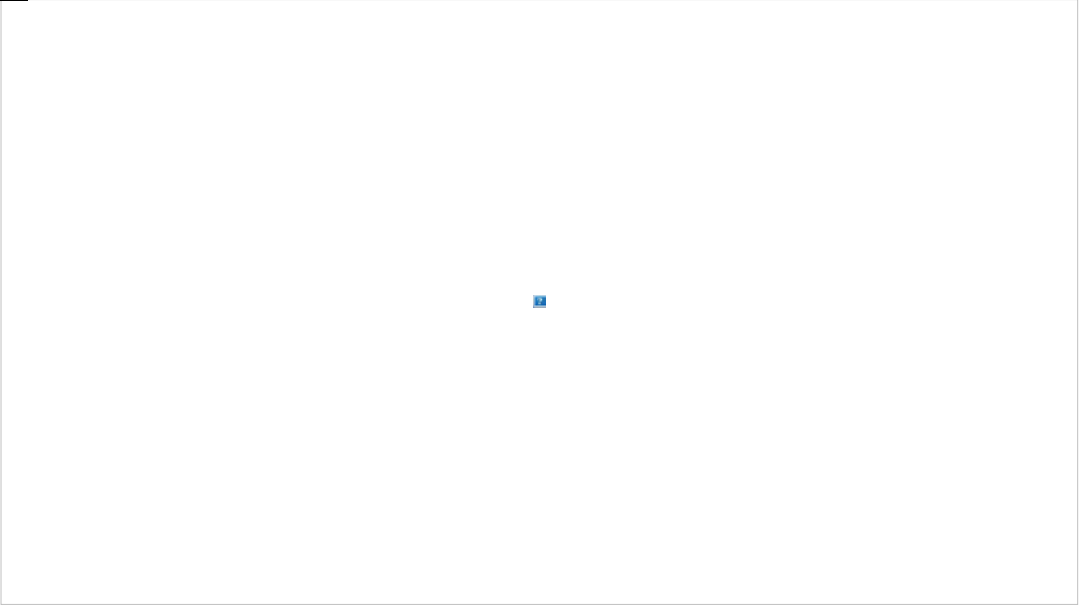
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Hi [s47f](#)
Appreciate you looking into this and providing such a speedy response. I've passed this on to our Regulatory Law team who will be providing the correspondence.
Again, thank you for the quick turnaround.
Kind regards
[s47f](#) | Project Officer
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From: [s47f](#)
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 3:45 PM
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Hi again [s47f](#)
I can confirm that we are happy for the AEC to serve legal notices via registered mail and provide a copy to via the provided email [s47G\(1\(b\)\)](#) simultaneously to expediate the process.
Please let me know if you need anything further.
Cheers

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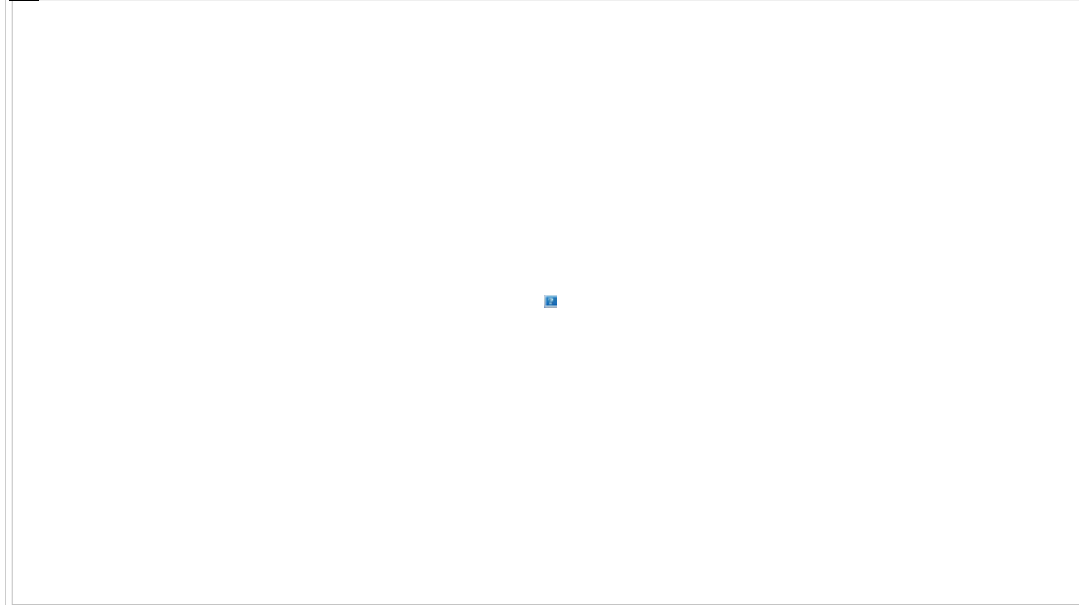


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On Mon, Sep 11, 2023 at 2:46 PM [s47f](#) wrote:

Hi [s47f](#)
Thanks for your email. I am confirming that we have received and I will come back to you with an answer as soon as possible.
Cheers

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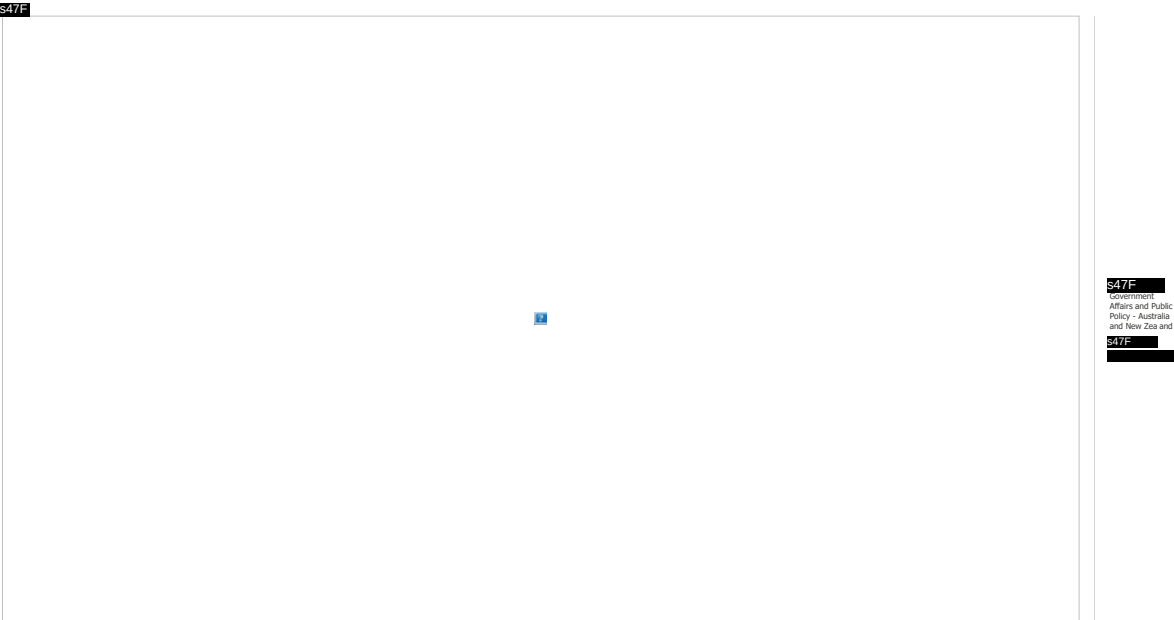
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On Mon, Sep 11, 2023 at 2:41 PM EIAT <EIAT@aec.gov.au> wrote:

Dear [s47f](#)
Thank you for the information you have provided in relation to the escalation scenarios.
We understand that should we need to use our information gathering powers under local Australian law to request certain Google account information, we would need to contact and serve such notices on Google LLC via registered post.
Noting the urgency of these requests as we come into the writ period, and the time it takes for the notice to arrive in the US via registered post, would it be acceptable for Google LLC to **accept service in relation to these notices by email during the writ-to-writ period** (expected to be 11 September 2023 at the earliest to 20 December 2023 at the latest)?
Alternatively, as arranged with other platforms, the AEC will serve legal notices via registered mail and provide a copy to via the provided email [s47G\(1\(b\)\)](#) simultaneously to expediate the process.
The AEC will be issuing a notice later today in requesting information for a Gmail account and we would be grateful for your guidance as to whether service via email is sufficient. Alternatively, if Google LLC would conduct searches/actions necessary to respond to a notice on the basis of a copy provided via email, while waiting for the notice via registered mail to arrive? If you could **advise as soon as possible**, the AEC will make arrangements accordingly.
Appreciate your assistance in relation to this matter.
Regards

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S47F | Senior Government Lawyer
Defending Democracy Unit | Electoral Integrity and Media Branch
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From S47F
Sent: Thursday September 7 2023 7:53 PM
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S47F
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



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

Good morning S47F and S47F
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
S47F | Project Officer
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