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Sent: Friday, 5 June 2020 9:30 PM
To: Andrew Johnson
Cc: Jeff Pope; Tim Courtney; Julie Igglesden; Melissa Tominac
Subject: Re: Eden-Monaro by-election [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Andrew,

Good to hear from you, and I hope you're staying safe and well during these tough times.

Throughout the by-election, I am here to help facilitate and escalate any issues as they may arise, especially in the lead up to polling day s 22 [REDACTED]@twitter.com s 22 [REDACTED]. I'd also be happy to find a time to connect via video or phone conference next week. Let me know how you're placed Thursday, June 11 in the afternoon.

As you noted, we have made updates to our [civic integrity](#) and election policies since 2019. Similar to the process we had in place during the 2019 Australian Federal Election, for advertising related reports you can use our form available at help.twitter.com/form/ads, which is routed to our internal operations team for review. I can confirm that the AEC email domains are still whitelisted and should receive priority in our reporting queues.

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I hope that provides some additional information, and please let us know if you have any further questions. Hope you're able to take some time to enjoy the long weekend too!

Best,

s 22 [REDACTED]

On Thu, Jun 4, 2020 at 12:22 PM Andrew Johnson <Andrew.Johnson@aec.gov.au> wrote:

Dear s 22 [REDACTED]

As you may be aware, a federal by-election has been called for the division of Eden-Monaro in New South Wales for Saturday 4 July 2020. As with all federal electoral events, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is concerned that information is not published that breaches the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* or contains disinformation that can mislead voters about the electoral process or their obligations under the Electoral Act.

The AEC is aware of the steps Twitter has taken since the 2019 Federal Election to ban political and electoral advertisements. Given the changes that have occurred since May 2019, it would be good to arrange a teleconference to speak with you in the next week.

Can you please also confirm the AEC's point of contact at Twitter, if the AEC identifies any communications on your platform that breach the Electoral Act. As with the Federal Election, the urgency of any requests we make increases the closer we are to polling day.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Johnson

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