

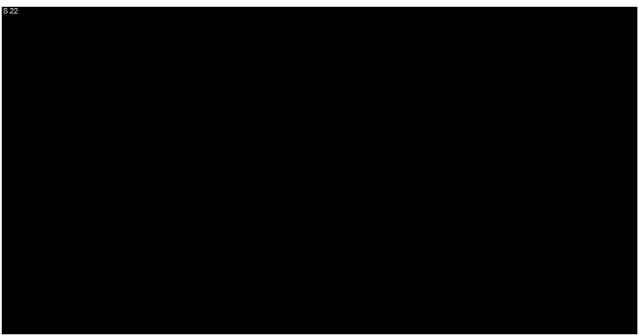
Agenda Paper



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Electoral Integrity Committee

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Recent authorisation matters / social media

- On 6 April 2021, the Guardian reported that <u>Liberal MP Andrew Laming created dozens of</u>
 <u>Facebook pages to promote LNP and attack opponents</u>. The article alleged that approximately
 30 Facebook pages run by Andrew Laming MP contained electoral matter that was not
 properly authorised.
- 7. On 7 April 2021, the Guardian reported the <u>AEC to investigate Liberal MP Andrew Laming over</u> network of Facebook pages that promote <u>LNP</u>. Following the allegation of unauthorised electoral matter on Facebook pages, a number of those pages were removed.



10. At the next general election, the AEC is aware that Facebook and Twitter will be operating ad transparency centres which should provide a repository of all electoral advertising on those platforms.

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Summary of changes to Fraud Control Plan (Attachment B)