

## Agenda Paper



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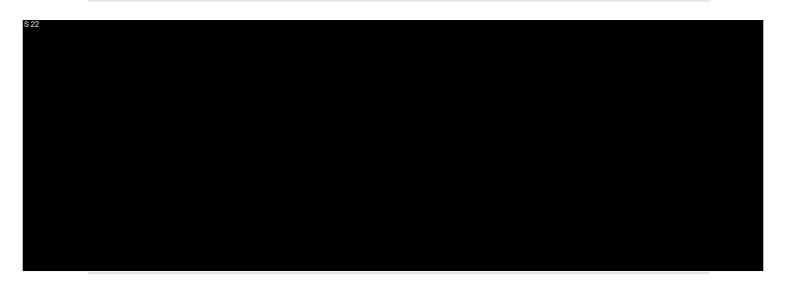
## **Electoral Integrity Committee**



## **Purpose**

To provide an update on the AEC's authorisations framework and its required operations under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Electoral Act).







## 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 network of Facebook pages that promote LNP</u>. Following the allegation of unauthorised electoral matter on Facebook pages, a number of those pages were removed.

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**10.** At the next general Federal Eelection, 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)