



Agenda Paper



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Electoral Integrity Committee

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Purpose

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

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Key issues/risks

Recent authorisation matters / social media

1. In the previous quarter one authorisation matter required further investigation:
 - On 6 April 2021, the Guardian reported that [Liberal MP Andrew Laming created dozens of Facebook pages to promote LNP and attack opponents](#). The article alleged that approximately 30 Facebook pages run by Andrew Laming MP contained electoral matter that was not properly authorised.
 - On 7 April 2021, the Guardian reported the [AEC to investigate Liberal MP Andrew Laming over network of Facebook pages that promote LNP](#). Following the allegation of unauthorised electoral matter on Facebook pages, a number of those pages were removed.

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