

**Subject:** FW: AEC Engagement for the next Federal Election [SEC=OFFICIAL]

From: s 47F  
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Subject: Re: AEC legal contacts for online authorisations [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
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Hi Louise,

Great to chat with you just now and hello to the team. To recap our conversation:

If the AEC has any legal removal requests please:

- Lodge the request at s 47G(1) and
- Send a note to me and cc s 47G(1) so we can ensure it is attended to promptly.

If the AEC has a concern about any content or activity that is not a legal request but concerning anyway:

- Please email me directly at [REDACTED] or ring on s 47F if urgent.
- From here I will be able to escalate to our Trust and Safety team or others as required.

Backup contact if I am out of office is s 47G(1) [google.com](https://www.google.com) which is the whole Google Australia public policy team, so someone will pick it up. If on a weekend/after hours feel free to call or text my mobile.

The below links may also be of interest:

- [Google Civics Training Centre](#) for candidates, parties, and campaigners including election security tutorials and tools. Google runs a training program in Australia for Members, Senators, staff, candidates and parties on how to use these tools.
- [Google's political advertising transparency report for Australia](#) and Google's [political advertising policy](#) for Australia. Political ads are those that feature a political party, current elected officeholder or candidate for the House of Representatives or Senate.
- A [blog post from our Threat Analysis Group](#) outlining some work during the most recent US Presidential election and the [latest TAG report](#).

If the team would like a refresher briefing on the political transparency program, please let me know.

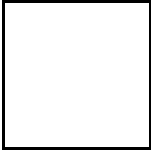
How to flag an issue on our platforms (all links publicly shareable).

- [Report Google Search results](#) (organic)
- [Report Google Ads](#) (paid ads at the top)
- [Report YouTube content](#)

From memory last election the AEC did include some of these links on its site to help the public know what to do if it saw concerning content on our platforms -- feel free to include them again if useful (we can assist with more detailed language and further guidance if helpful).

Kind regards,

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