From:	Jeff Pope
Sent:	Monday, 5 December 2022 5:34 PM
To:	EIAT
Subject:	RE: For awareness: AEC spear phishing campaign [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Great, thanks s47F

Jeff Pope | Deputy Electoral Commissioner
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Hi Jeff

Providing for your information below as we shared this with our Taskforce colleagues. Matt will provide a high level update at the Board meeting on Wednesday as part of his EIAT agenda item.

Just liaising with s47F on a couple of your agenda items and then I will provide your talking points as well.

Kind regards
s47F

s47F **| Assistant Director**
Defending Democracy Unit | Electoral Integrity and Communications Branch
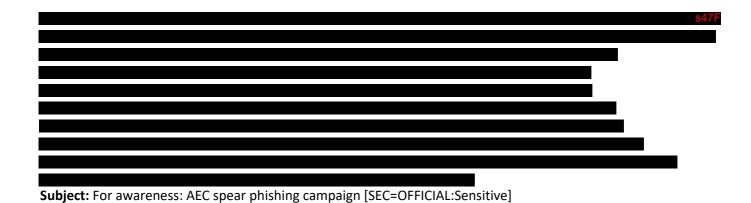Australian Electoral Commission
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From: EIAT <EIAT@aec.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 1 December 2022 3:28 PM
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Subject: For awareness: AEC spear phishing campaign [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Good afternoon EIAT members

For your information and awareness, we would like to bring to your attention a recent 'spear phishing' email campaign at the AEC. The detail of these emails is below.

AEC systems were **not** compromised in any way. We believe this is worthwhile sharing with the EIAT on the basis that despite being contained by the AEC, the campaign appears targeted and somewhat sophisticated. It is possible it relates to the proposed referendum given the targeting of AEC's Indigenous Electoral Participation Program mailboxes. [REDACTED] s47E

It is a reminder that the cyber threat environment for the proposed referendum is unlikely to be lower than for a federal election.

Email details

On 14 November 2022, at 22:52, a series of emails were sent to the AEC's eight IEPP mailboxes, from the falsified email address support[@]aec.gov.au, with the subject '[email address] have 12 Pending incoming emails'. The list of recipients is as follows:

- indigenous@aec.gov.au
- indigenous-sa@aec.gov.au
- indigenous-wa@aec.gov.au
- indigenous-vic@aec.gov.au
- indigenous-tas@aec.gov.au
- indigenous-qld@aec.gov.au
- indigenous-nt@aec.gov.au
- indigenous-nsw@aec.gov.au

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Thanks,

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