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**From:** [REDACTED] s47F  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 November 2022 2:20 PM  
**To:** Andrew Brooks; [REDACTED] s47F  
**Subject:** RE: Phishing email targeting indigenous inboxes [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Andrew and [REDACTED] s47F

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[REDACTED] s47E

[REDACTED] s47E

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[REDACTED] s47E

Of note, [this article](#), outlines that IPFS content is difficult to take down:

*"To be sure to have this fraudulent content taken down, it takes more effort than usual for cyberdefenders. They need to reach all the gateways that lead to the file and ask for removal of the content from their cache."*

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] s47F | **Cyber Security Analyst**  
Cyber Security & Assurance Section | Electoral Integrity and Communications Branch  
Australian Electoral Commission  
[REDACTED] s47F



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**From:** [REDACTED] s47F  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 November 2022 9:54 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] s47F Andrew Brooks [REDACTED] s47F  
**Subject:** RE: Phishing email targeting indigenous inboxes [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Also, example of this phishing email attached.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] s47F | **Cyber Security Analyst**  
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[REDACTED] s47F

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**From:** [REDACTED] s47F  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 November 2022 9:45 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] s47F Andrew Brooks [REDACTED] s47F  
**Subject:** RE: Phishing email targeting indigenous inboxes [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Incident number registered: 11744

Kind regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED] s47F  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 November 2022 9:40 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] s47F Andrew Brooks [REDACTED] s47F  
**Subject:** Phishing email targeting indigenous inboxes [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Andrew and [REDACTED] s47F

[REDACTED] s47F from the Victorian State Office notified us yesterday evening at 6.19pm about a suspicious email.

After initial investigations (starting at 8.15am this morning) this appears to be a phishing campaign sent to 8 Indigenous AEC email accounts:

- [indigenous@aec.gov.au](mailto:indigenous@aec.gov.au)
- [indigenous-sa@aec.gov.au](mailto:indigenous-sa@aec.gov.au)
- [indigenous-wa@aec.gov.au](mailto:indigenous-wa@aec.gov.au)

- [indigenous-vic@aec.gov.au](mailto:indigenous-vic@aec.gov.au)
- [indigenous-tas@aec.gov.au](mailto:indigenous-tas@aec.gov.au)
- [indigenous-qld@aec.gov.au](mailto:indigenous-qld@aec.gov.au)
- [indigenous-nt@aec.gov.au](mailto:indigenous-nt@aec.gov.au)
- [indigenous-nsw@aec.gov.au](mailto:indigenous-nsw@aec.gov.au)

Using the subject line: [recipient email address] have 12 Pending incoming emails

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Google Translate, to display a fake AEC site for the purpose of harvesting the recipient's account password:

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All recipients have been notified that the email is a phishing email and further investigations are proceeding.

Kind regards,

s47F | Cyber Security Analyst

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