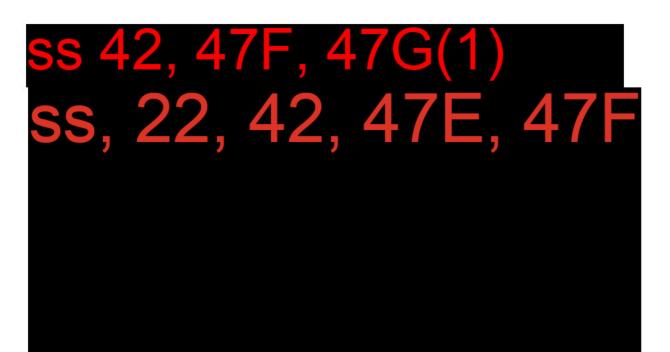


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We have prepared the attached costs estimate to cover work up to and including the hearing. The estimate includes our work billed to date and WIP as requested.

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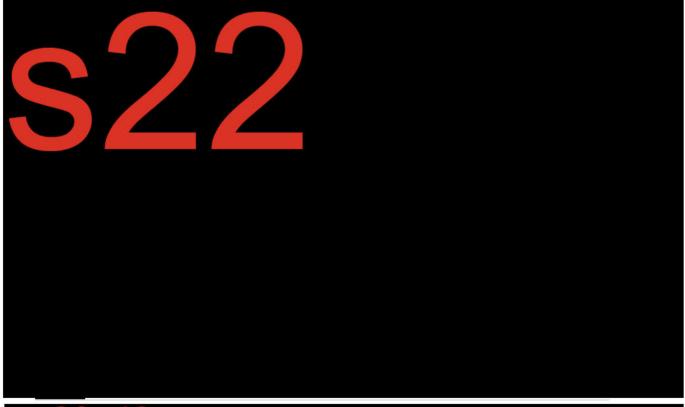




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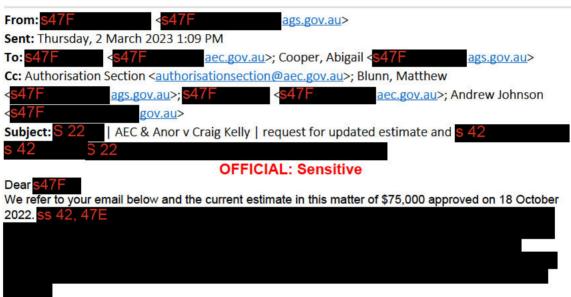
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We have prepared the attached costs estimate to cover work up to and including the hearing. The estimate includes our work billed to date and WIP as requested.

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Kind regards
Abigail and S47F

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Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 8:07 AM

To: \$47F aec.gov.au>

Cc: Authorisation Section < authorisationsection@aec.gov.au>; \$47F

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Subject: \$ 22 AEC & Anor v Craig Kelly | request for estimate increase \$ 42

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Dear s47F

We refer to our emails below regarding the updated estimate.

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In light of the above, we have prepared the **attached** costs estimate to cover the further work required up to and including the hearing as identified above and in Abigail's email of 31 May 2023. The estimate includes our work billed to date and WIP.

We seek an increase of \$59,604.68 (inclusive of fees and disbursements), bringing the total estimate to \$234,444.73.

ss 42, 47E

Kind regards

Abigail and \$47F

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Dear s47F

As mentioned recently, due a number of developments in this matter, we are further ahead of estimate than we anticipated being at this stage (previous estimate set out in email below).



Our previous total estimate (inclusive of fees and disbursements) was \$174,840.05. As at end of May, including billed and WIP, we have reached **84%** of estimate.

The proceeding has been relisted from the original hearing dates (5-7 June 2023) to 10 to 12 July

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Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime.

Kind regards

Abigail

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### Dear s47F

We refer to our emails below and write to seek a small increase to cover fees associated with preparation for and attendance at the 3 day hearing before Justice Rares.

We are currently at 104% of our estimated fees and disbursements, including all trial disbursement invoices.

We seek an increase of \$20,000 to cover our additional costs which would bring the total estimate to \$254,444.73 (GST free).

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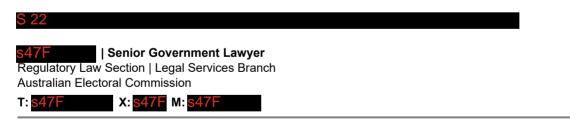
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Hi Abigail,

Confirming the AEC has approved the below fee estimate increase of \$59,604.68.



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Dear s47F

We refer to our emails below regarding the updated estimate.

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In light of the above, we have prepared the **attached** costs estimate to cover the further work required up to and including the hearing as identified above and in Abigail's email of 31 May 2023. The estimate includes our work billed to date and WIP.

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Dear s47F

We refer to the below approval of the estimate of \$40,000 in this matter on 1 September 2022.

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## Request for estimate increase

We have reached 92% of the approved estimate and write to seek a further increase of \$35,000 (\$25,000 in AGS fees and \$10,000 in counsel fees) to cover the next steps in this matter. If approved this will equate to a total estimate of \$75,000.



Please let us know if you wish to discuss.

Kind regards



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Following up on our discussion the other day:



2. I confirm that I received approval for increased expenditure up to \$20,000 (taking the total expenditure up to \$40,000) in relation to this matter.

I will update you as other information trickles through. Let me know if I can clarify any of the above. Best regards,

S47F | Government Lawyer

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## Kind regards

Abigail and \$47F

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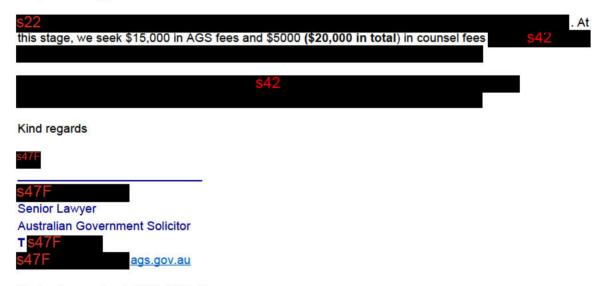




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We refer to the approved estimate of \$20,000 in this matter.



## Request for estimate increase

We have reached 95% of the approved estimate and write to seek a further increase of \$20,000 (\$15,000 in AGS fees and \$5000 in counsel fees) to cover the next steps in this matter. If approved this will equate to a total estimate of \$40,000.



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In addition, the AEC approves the below:

\$15,000 in AGS fees and \$5000 **(\$20,000 in total)** in counsel fees ss 42, 47E

Have a good weekend!

Kind regards,

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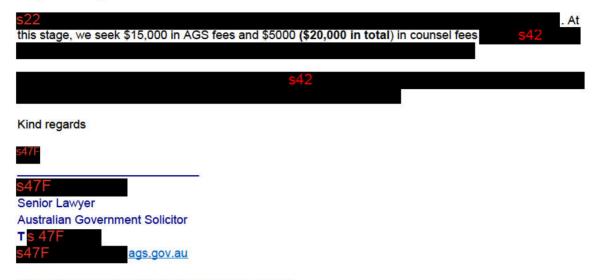
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Dear s47F



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Dear \$47F

Thank you for confirming the AEC's approval of \$47F rate.

We also seek your instructions to brief Christopher Tran at his current Commonwealth approved rate

If approved, Chris and \$47F rates will not affect the current spending approval for this matter of \$40,000 which was approved by the AEC on 1 September 2022. We confirm AGS will seek increases to the approved estimate when required depending on the status of the matter.

Kind regards



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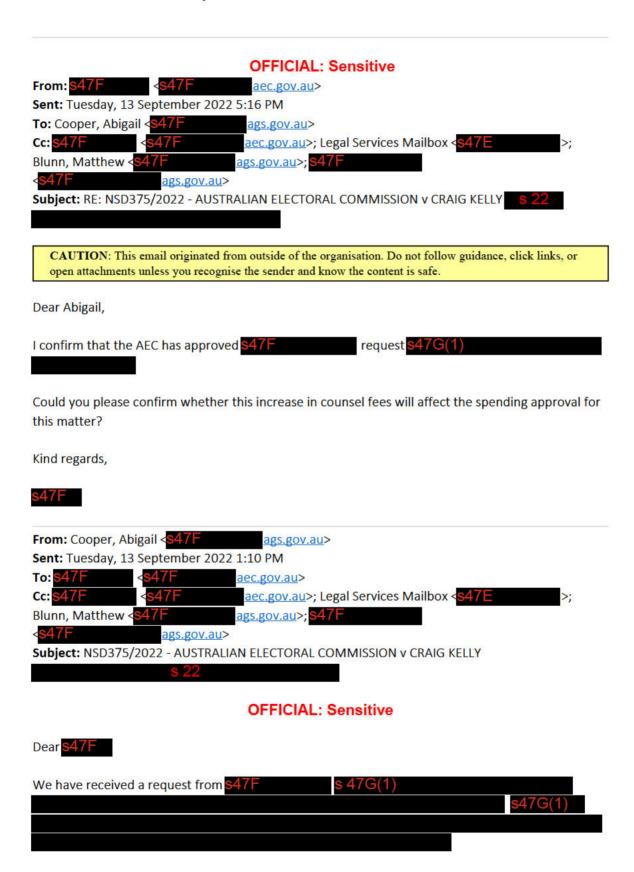
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We have no concern with the above and support the request, subject to the AEC's approval.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

Abigail

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If approved, Chris and \$4/\dagger rates will not affect the current spending approval for this matter of \$40,000 which was approved by the AEC on 1 September 2022. We confirm AGS will seek increases to the approved estimate when required depending on the status of the matter.

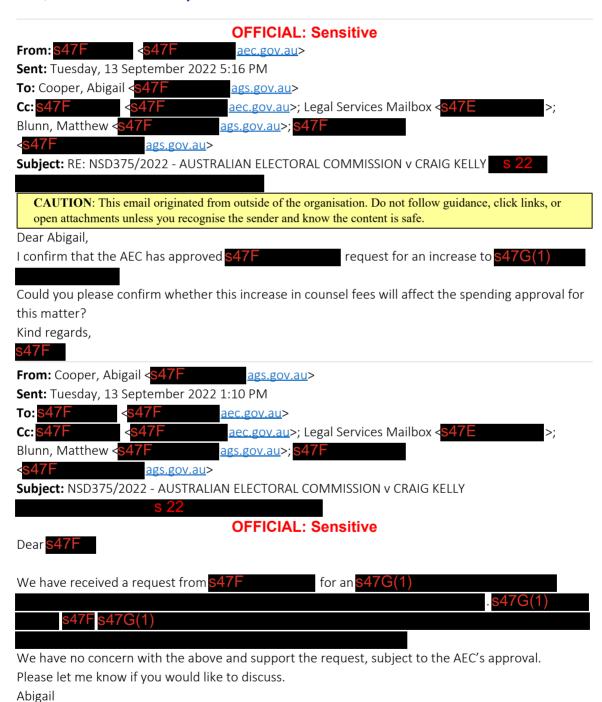
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## Request for estimate increase

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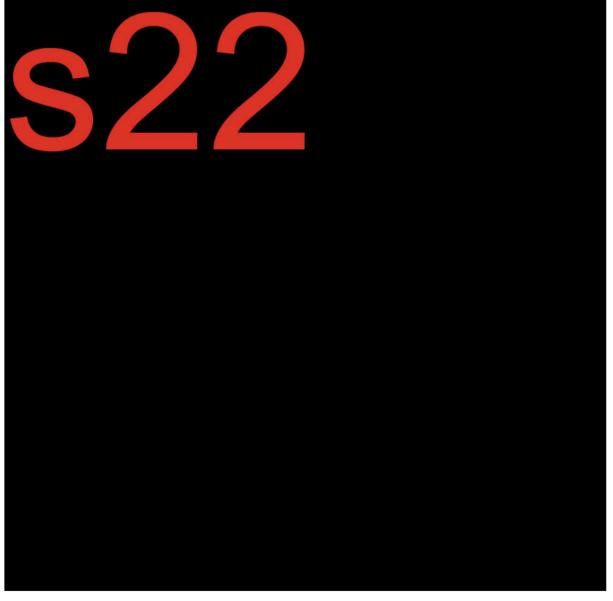


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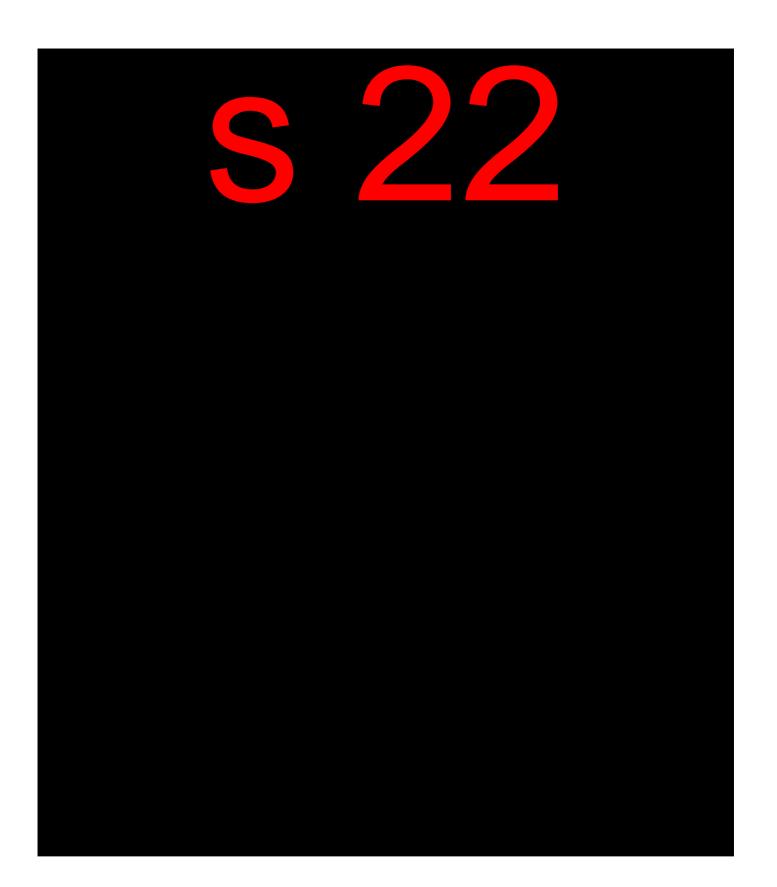
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If approved, Chris and S4/F rates will not affect the current spending approval for this matter of \$40,000 which was approved by the AEC on 1 September 2022. We confirm AGS will seek increases to the approved estimate when required depending on the status of the matter.

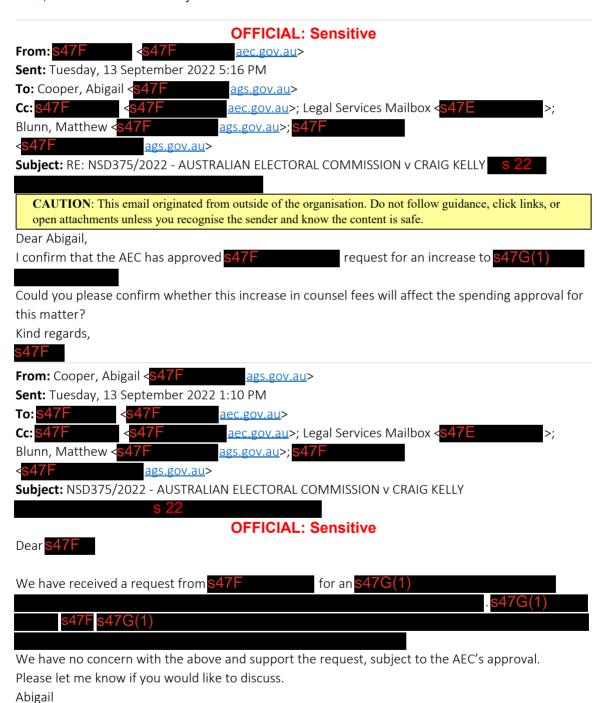
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