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Sent: Thursday, 2 March 2023 1:09 PM

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Subject: S 22 | AEC & Anor v Craig Kelly | request for updated estimate and s 42

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Dear s47F

We refer to our emails below regarding the updated estimate. s42

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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.

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**Subject:** S 22 [REDACTED] | AEC & Anor v Craig Kelly | progress against estimate s 22 [REDACTED]

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Dear s47F [REDACTED]

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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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Hi Abigail,

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

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Subject: RE: S 22 | NSD375/2022 - AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION v CRAIG KELLY - S 22

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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.

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Hi s47F

Following up on our discussion the other day:

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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

Legal Services Section | Legal & Procurement Branch

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

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Hi **s47F**

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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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