



Our Ref: LS5096 ~ file 14/652

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By email to

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Dear Mr Molloy

## Re Your FOI Request No. LS5096

I refer to your emails dated 15 July 2014 6:41 p.m. and 15 July 2014 6:48 p.m. in which you request ('FOI Request') access to documents relating to correspondence and briefings about Senate Order 330 (10 July 2014) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

### THE FOI REQUEST

I have taken your request to be for:

- a) Correspondence between the AEC and any MP, Senator or Minister or their office regarding Senate Order 330 (10 July 2014); and
- b) Documents from technical personnel that helped to inform the recommendation to the Minister that the release of the source code referred to in Senate Order 330 would "leave the voting system open to hacking or manipulation; see [http://lee-rhiannon.greensmps.org.au/sites/default/files/ronaldson\\_response.pdf](http://lee-rhiannon.greensmps.org.au/sites/default/files/ronaldson_response.pdf);

I note that in your email of 15 July 2014 6:48 p.m. you request that no names of personnel are censored where not otherwise required by relevant legislation. On this point, I direct your attention in particular to sections 47F which provides for a conditional exemption of personal information where publication of that information is unreasonable.

### PROCESSING TIME

We received your request on 15 July 2014 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a

decision from us by 15 August 2014. The period of 30 days may be extended if we need to consult third parties, impose a charge or for other reasons. We will advise you if this happens.

## **CHARGES**

You will be notified of any charges in relation to your request as soon as possible, before we process any requested documents or impose a final charge. I have noted your request that all costs for the processing of this request be waived on the grounds that the release of this information is in the public interest and will enhance the transparency of the process and the public debate surrounding the software that underpins our democracy.

You will have at that time the opportunity to expand your arguments about the public interest that you believe will be served by waiving any charge in relation to your FOI Request. You may wish to have regard to paragraphs 4.54 to 4.60 of the [guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act](#) for this purpose.

## **AEC FOI DISCLOSURE LOG**

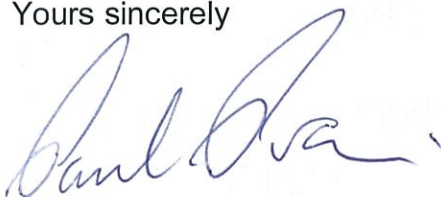
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## **CONTACT ARRANGEMENTS**

We will contact you using the email address that you provided. Please advise if you would prefer us to use an alternative means of contact. If you have any questions, please contact Owen Jones, Senior Lawyer, whose contact details are:

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Yours sincerely



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