From: Paul Pirani
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2015 12:11 PM
To: 6 [redacted]
Cc: Luke Phelps <Luke.Phelps@aec.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Deregistration of Democratic labour Party [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Dear 1 [redacted]

I refer to your email below.

The AEC has received an application for the review under subsection 141(2) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* of the decision to deregister the DLP from Mr Michael Byrne, who previously appeared on the register of political parties as the registered officer for the DLP. Mr Byrne has authorised me to provide his email contact details to you so that the DLP is able to present a single consolidated application for review to the three person Electoral Commission who will be reviewing the decision in this matter.

I suggest you contact Mr Byrne if you have any queries about the action he is taking on behalf of the DLP. The email address for Mr Byrne is: 6 [redacted]

I otherwise note the comments contained in my email to you of 26 May 2015 regarding the nature of your 20 May correspondence—namely, that it was not entirely clear whether that email was to constitute an application for review under subsection 141(2) of the Act, or whether you were asking for additional time to make a completed application for review. Please note that in the absence of further advice from, or action by, you in relation to that, the three person Electoral Commission may determine that your correspondence with us to date is not a proper application for review for the purposes of section 141 of the Act, and therefore that review action in response to it need not be taken.

Yours sincerely

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From: 6 [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 21 May 2015 4:40 PM
To: Luke Phelps
Subject: Deregistration of Democratic labour Party

Dear Luke,

Further to our conversation several days ago I am sending this to inform you that the Victorian Electoral Commission has, today, handed down its revised decision in regard to the registration of the Democratic Labour Party on the grounds that they are now satisfied that there are more than 500 members of the Party in Victoria.

Since Victoria is a State of Australia, and the minimum number of members to satisfy the Australian Electoral Commission is 500, this should at the very least, justify a review of the decision of the Australian Electoral Commission. In the event that the AEC wishes to pursue this matter, I hereby apply for an extension of 2 weeks to allow the DLP to provide the AEC with further membership statistics across Australia.

I look forward to your early reply and thank you for assistance and attention to this matter.

1 [redacted]
Federal President
Democratic Labour Party

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13 Personal Information (identifying individual) redacted.

14 Business information (Bank Account details) redacted.

15 Business information (Billing Account details) redacted.

16 Legal Professional Communication redacted.

17 Deliberative material redacted.

18 Irrelevant material redacted.

19 Electoral Roll material redacted.

20 Tests, examinations or audits material redacted.

21 Management or assessment of personnel material redacted.

22 Proper and efficient conduct of the operations of AEC material redacted.\

23 Lawful methods or procedures for preventing, detecting, investigating, or dealing with matters arising out of, breaches or evasions of the law.