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Quick chat tomorrow?

Regards  
Pablo

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Hi – just in case you're not in this loop

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Hi Anna, Alexandra,

Please see attached the letter from Kath to AFP re the 2016 approach to dealing with multiple voting (just got this now) – in short, a joint assessment process followed by agreement as to what will be referred (as Tom flagged in the meeting the other week).

Alexandra, I'll call AFP about this (and another fraud matter) tomorrow morning, and set up a time for us to meet with them to work through the details. Are any days out for you in the next week?

Anna, for Friday, are you ok to give me a call when this part of the discussion starts?

Cheers,  
Kellie

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Hi Kellie – from my reading the agenda, it looks like it would be before 1pm on Friday.

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Hi Anna,

Hopefully we'll know by then – as soon as I hear back from Kath I'll let you know.

Happy to join in the discussion on Friday – what time is it on?

Cheers,  
Kellie

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Ok, thanks Kellie – if there's a chance we can know before the SM meeting that would be great. I was also thinking of perhaps dialling you in to the discussion on Friday with SMs?

Cheers  
Anna

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Hi Anna, please note that we have not yet gone back to the AFP regarding the 'joint assessment prior to referral' model – it's flagged in the letter back to the AFP, but the letter is still with Kath; and Kath will be confirming with Tom that he is still comfortable with this before we go back to AFP.

I'll let you know as soon as I know more.

Cheers,  
Kellie

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Hi Jeff and Marie

I was going to suggest we talk in Brisbane if there's time, otherwise we could do a specific teleconference earlier this week? There's been a reasonable amount of movement recently in terms of the AFP referral process which would be good to talk through.

Cheers  
Anna

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Marie – I think this could be a useful discussion to have in Brisbane later this week

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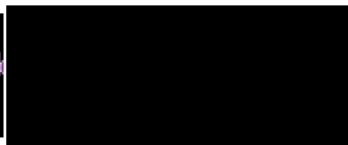
Maybe we pool our collective experiences like we did prior to the NV prosecutions round last election and come up with some defensible 'official error', non-referral categories. ■

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I've attached the AFP report from the 2014 and 2015 elections which show that the AFP don't want to see some categories because they can't do anything with them. I'm guessing that the report from 2013 is stored somewhere in Elections or Legal Services and that one will also have some useful commentary. We can expect a similar response after 2016, so maybe (now that we have gone through the process and that we officially know the AFP's view) we can build this into our policy materials. Anna – you'll have a view on this.

Cheers,

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Hi Anna

Last election I had to review and signoff on 3400 cases, and it took me a few weeks. For not one prosecution. Does the system you are providing to manage the cases allow for online signoff? Last time the view of the State manager was also not sought either. I look forward to the details.

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Dear State Managers

**Elections Branch recently issued a proposed timeline for Multiple Voting, Voter Advice and Non Voter processes following the 2 July 2016 federal election.**

Elections Branch is now seeking your cooperation in relation to the process of compilation and review of voters identified as having voted more than once at the last federal election.

The Electoral Commissioner is keen that the 2016 multi-voter process is conducted in a timely manner to enable prosecution to occur, where warranted, before the expiration of the legislated 12-month period for action. Your cooperation in ensuring timely action against the recently released timeline is appreciated.

According to the timeline, the process will kick-off in divisions on Monday 15 August with Multiple Marks investigations commencing on that date. A News Item on the intranet providing more detail in parallel with this message on Friday 12 August.

A Multiple Marks Investigation training course will also be made available in [AEC Learning](#) on this date.

As in past years, the AEC will be working closely with the Australian Federal Police to ensure that the process is robust, auditable and that appropriate quality assurance is applied at the divisional, state and national levels.

Thanks to State Offices for nominating State Coordinator for the 2016 multi-voter process. Elections Policy and Procedures Section (EPP) will commence contact with this group directly. Both State Managers and State Coordinators will have an important role in delivering the required level of quality assurance.

In an effort to streamline the process, EPP will be asking that evidence linked to cases be provided in electronic form rather than paper. EPP will arrange for restricted access to the electronic information supplied. State Managers will be asked to provide final sign-off of multi-voter data provided so as to ensure a consistent and rigorous approach to multi-voter categorisation is adopted across their state.

Further information on the Non-Voter process will follow shortly.

Kind regards

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