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Hi s 47F,

Following our meeting last week and in light of recent media reporting on KPMG's external audit practice, I wanted to write to assure you of the controls we have in place to protect the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) information and maintain strict confidentiality. Importantly, the matters referenced in the media do not relate to our Canberra practice or our Commonwealth engagements, and we are not aware of any impact to the AEC information or teams.

At a practical level, the most important safeguards are:

- **Security-cleared personnel** - Staff working on the AEC engagements hold Australian Government security clearances, providing an additional layer of assurance around personnel suitability.
- **Flexible data handling model** - Where there is any sensitivity or concern, we are fully prepared to work entirely within AEC systems (which is the case on this engagement), with no requirement to store information on KPMG environments.
- **Contractual and legal protections** - We operate under strict contractual confidentiality obligations and are comfortable executing Non-Disclosure Deeds to further formalise these commitments.
- **Strict confidentiality framework** - All KPMG staff operate under mandatory confidentiality, ethics and independence policies, with clear obligations on the handling, use and disclosure of client information. These are enforced through training, annual certification and disciplinary consequences for non-compliance.
- **Controlled access to information** - Client data is treated as confidential by default and access is restricted to the engagement team on a least-privilege basis. Technology controls prevent unauthorised access, sharing or extraction.

I've attached our comprehensive list of controls, including those specific to our work with the Commonwealth.

I would be happy to step through any of this in more detail if that would be useful.

Regards

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