

# Independent Communications Committee

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Mr Chris Jordan AO  
Commissioner of Taxation  
Australian Taxation Office  
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Dear Mr Jordan

## **COMPLIANCE ADVICE ON THE PROPOSED PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN**

The Independent Communications Committee (the Committee) considers proposed advertising campaigns with expenditure expected to be \$250,000 or more, and provides independent advice to the relevant Chief Executive.

On 25 October 2019, the Committee considered the Protecting our Community campaign being developed by Australian Taxation Office. As part of its consideration of this campaign, the Committee met with your officers and reviewed the following supporting documentation:

1. communication plan
2. draft media strategy and indicative media plan overview
3. a statement against Principles 1 to 4 of the *Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by non-corporate Commonwealth entities* (Guidelines).

The Committee is satisfied that the campaign is relevant to government responsibilities (Principle 1), and that the campaign is being developed in line with Principles 2 to 4 of the Guidelines. The Committee's view has been formed at the communication strategy stage, and it has not considered the advertising materials which have yet to be developed. For this reason, the Committee has concluded that the proposed Protecting our Community campaign is capable of complying with Principles 1 to 4 of the Guidelines.

As legal and procurement matters relating to the campaign are not considered by this Committee, you will need to seek advice and assurance from your entity with respect to compliance with Principle 5 of the Guidelines.

This letter will be published on the Department of Finance website after the campaign is launched.

Any additional phases of the campaign will require separate consideration by the Committee.

Yours sincerely



Chris Faulks  
Acting Chair  
Independent Communications Committee

25 October 2019