
INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr Simon Atkinson
Secretary
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
111 Alinga Street
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Dear Mr Atkinson

COMPLIANCE ADVICE ON THE PROPOSED BUILDING OUR FUTURE 2020-21 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 Wednesday 17 February 2021 the Committee considered the Building Our Future 2020-21 campaign being developed by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications. As part of its consideration of this campaign, the Committee met with your officers and reviewed the following supporting documentation:

1. communication strategy
2. developmental and evaluation research
3. draft media strategy and indicative media plan overview
4. a statement against Principles 1 to 4 of the *Australian Government 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 Building our Future 2020-21 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



Andrew Blyth
Chair
Independent Communications Committee
18 February 2021