INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Rachel Noble PSM Director-General Australian Signals Directorate P.O. Box 5076 Kingston ACT 2604

Dear Ms. Noble

COMPLIANCE ADVICE ON THE PROPOSED ACT NOW STAY SECURE CYBER SECURITY 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 14 April 2021, the Committee considered the Act Now Stay Secure Cyber Security campaign being developed by the Australian Signals Directorate. 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 communications research
- 3. draft media strategy and indicative media plan overview
- 4. 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. For this reason, the Committee has concluded that the proposed Act Now Stay Secure Cyber Security 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

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