

From: Paul Brereton
Sent: Friday, 7 July 2023 2:42 PM
To: Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 47E - Certain operations of agencies
Cc:
Subject: RE: Robodebt - Conflict of Interest [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Colleagues,

As I have already indicated to most of you, I also have a conflict, relating to one of the six individuals the subject of referrals, ^{Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 47E - Certain o} who is well known to me.

For that reason, ^{Section 47F - Personal} will be the lead Commissioner on these referrals. I will not be involved in any decisions concerning ^{Section 47F - Personal privacy, Sec} However, I will retain an overall interest in the policy questions that arise concerning these referrals generally, because those questions – particular the scope of “corrupt conduct” – will necessarily have ongoing ramifications for us.

Best regards,

PBrereton

The Hon PLG Brereton AM RFD SC
Commissioner

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From: Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section
Sent: Friday, 11 August 2023 12:18 PM
Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 47E - Certain operations of agencies
To:
Cc: Philip Reed; Ben Gauntlett; Nicole Rose; Jaala Hinchcliffe;
Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 47E - Certain operations of agencies
Subject: Declaration of Personal Interests - Commissioner Brereton
(NACC) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 11.08.2023 - Commr Brereton - COI declaration.pdf

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Section 47F - Personal privacy

Dear

Please find attached Declaration of Material Personal Interests from Commissioner Brereton of the National Anti-Corruption Commission for the attention of the Attorney-General.

With thanks,

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Australian Government
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CM Ref: 23#34184

11 August 2023

Hon Mark Dreyfus KC, MP
Attorney-General
PO Box 6022
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Attorney,

DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with my declaration of material personal interests that relate to the affairs of the National Anti-Corruption Commission (Commission), for the purposes of s 29 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* and s 247 of the *National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022*, pursuant to which I must disclose to you any material personal interest that I have that relate to the affairs of the Commission. In accordance with that requirement, I disclose the following matters.

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Relationship with Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 47E - Certain ope

In particular, as I also declared at the meeting of the Statutory Officers of the Commission on 3 July 2023 (prior to the publication of the report of the Robodebt Royal Commission report), Section 47F - Personal priva is one of those with whom I have had a close association Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 47E - Cer and if Section 47 were to be the subject of a referral to the Commission, I would recuse myself from decision-making concerning Section 47 and allocate the matter to a Deputy Commissioner.

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Conclusion

I note that there is a continuing duty to disclose material personal interests relating to the affairs of the Commission. Should I become aware of any material personal interest that relates to the affairs

of the Commission, I will disclose it to you in accordance with the requirements in section 247 of the *National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022*.

I would be happy to discuss this letter with you or your office. [Section 47E - Certain operations of agencies](#)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PLG Brereton', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

The Hon PLG Brereton AM RFD SC
Commissioner

From: Paul Brereton
Sent: Wednesday, 16 August 2023 12:28 PM
To: Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 47E - Certain operations of agencies
Cc:
Subject: ROBODEBT REFERRALS ~~[SEC=PROTECTED]~~

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Section 47F - Personal
Hi

To confirm our discussion, and in response to your below questions:

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- I will not be the decision-maker in respect of any of the Robodebt matters. However, because it is of obvious important to the Commission, I think it is important and appropriate that I be aware of what is happening. I do not think it is necessary to redact any material – it is perfectly normal to receive and read evidence and then not take it into account because it is not admissible etc.

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Very happy to discuss, if anyone has any concerns about this approach.

Best regards,

PBrereton

The Hon PLG Brereton AM RFD SC
Commissioner

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