



Australian Government
National Anti-Corruption Commission

Ref: 23/823

10 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*, s 13 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014*, and s 13(7)(b) and s 14 of the *Public Service Act 1999* pursuant to which I must disclose 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.

No material financial interests to declare

I do not have any financial interests that are likely to relate to the affairs of the Commission, and neither does my wife. **Section 47F - Personal privacy**

Contacts with parliamentarians and Commonwealth board members and senior bureaucrats

I have had professional contact with a current Minister of the Government, as a result of working closely with him in the NSW Government, and a series of senior Commonwealth board members and bureaucrats from having worked closely with them or have known them socially in previous government roles, in particular:

- **Section 47F - Personal privacy**
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- Section 47F - Personal privacy [REDACTED]

- Section 47F - Personal privacy [REDACTED]

- Section 47F - Personal privacy [REDACTED]

- Section 47F - Personal privacy [REDACTED]

I do not regard any of those contacts as being likely to create a potential conflict in relation to matters that might come before the Commission. However, should matters potentially affecting the interests of any of them come before the Commission, I would consider whether the circumstances were such as to create an actual or perceived conflict of interest, and if so declare it in accordance with the Commission's procedures and, if appropriate, implement strategies to mitigate it.

Other matters

It is always possible that a matter that could potentially affect the interests of some other person known to me could come before the Commission. Should that occur, I would in each case consider whether the circumstances were such as to create an actual or perceived conflict of interest, and if so declare it in accordance with the Commission's procedures and, if appropriate, implement strategies to mitigate it, including if appropriate recusing myself from decision-making.

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 under the PGAPA Act or the Public Service Act.

I would be happy to discuss this letter with you or your office. I can be contacted directly on [REDACTED], or mobile [REDACTED], or by email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Philip Reed
Chief Executive Officer



Australian Government
National Anti-Corruption Commission

Ref: [CM Ref]

14 August 2023

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

Dear Attorney-General,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with my annual declaration of material personal interests that relate to the affairs of the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC).

Under section 29 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* and section 247 of the *National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022*, I must disclose to you any material personal interest that I have that relate to the affairs of the NACC. I disclose the following matters to you in accordance with that requirement.

Section 47F - Personal privacy

None of these arrangements relate to the affairs of the NACC or the broader Commonwealth government.

As I have been employed in positions in the Australian Public Service since 2015, and the NSW State Government since around 2000, I have working relationships and some friendships with people who are within the jurisdiction of the NACC. If an allegation were made to the NACC in relation to someone who I have a conflict of interest, whether actual or perceived, I will declare that interest in accordance with NACC's policies and ensure that conflict is appropriately managed.

I note that this duty to disclose is an ongoing duty and should I become aware during this year of any material personal interest that relates to the affairs of the NACC, 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. I can be contacted directly on Section 47F - Personal privacy or

Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 47E - Certain operations

Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 47E - Certain operations of agencies



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Ref:

7 August 2023

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

Dear Attorney-General,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with my annual declaration of material personal interests that relate to the affairs of the National Anti-Corruption Commission (**NACC**).

Under s 29 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* and s 247 of the *National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022*, I must disclose to you any material personal interests that relate to the affairs of the NACC. I disclose the following matters to you in accordance with that requirement.

Financial Matters

Section 47F - Personal privacy [REDACTED].

Section 47F - Personal privacy [REDACTED]

Section 47F - Personal privacy [REDACTED]

Section 47F - Personal privacy [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Where any of these financial arrangements or shareholdings relate to the affairs of the NACC or the broader Commonwealth government, whether actual or perceived, I will declare that interest in accordance with NACC's policies and ensure that conflict is appropriately managed.

Work and Employment

Before being appointed Deputy Commissioner of the NACC, I was the Disability Discrimination Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission [REDACTED] Section 47F - Personal privacy

[REDACTED] I have professional

relationships and some friendships with people who are within the jurisdiction of the NACC or could do work on behalf of the NACC.

If an allegation were made to the NACC or a decision to engage someone by the NACC in relation to someone who I have a conflict of interest, whether actual or perceived, I will declare that interest in accordance with NACC's policies and ensure that conflict is appropriately managed.

Section 47F - Personal privacy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I note that this duty to disclose is an ongoing duty and should I become aware during this year of any material personal interest that relates to the affairs of the NACC, 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. I can be contacted directly on

Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 47E - Certain operations of agency
[REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 47E - Certain operations of agency
[REDACTED]

Ben Gauntlett
Deputy Commissioner



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National Anti-Corruption Commission

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7 August 2023

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Attorney-General
PO Box 6022
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Under section 29 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* and section 247 of the *National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022*, I must disclose to you any material personal interest that I have that relate to the affairs of the NACC. I disclose the following matters to you in accordance with that requirement.

Section 47F - Personal privacy **Section 47F - Personal privacy**
Section 47F - Personal privacy As such, **Section 47F - Personal privacy** falls within the jurisdiction of the NACC. In the unlikely occurrence that an allegation were made to the NACC in relation to **Section 47F - Personal privacy** processes would be put in place to ensure that I was not involved in the assessment of the allegation or any subsequent investigation.

Section 47F - Personal privacy

Section 47F - Personal privacy **Section 47F - Personal privacy** If an allegation were made to the NACC in relation to a **Section 47F - Personal privacy** I will consider whether my role **Section 47F - Personal privacy** creates a conflict of interest and what mitigations need to be put in place to appropriately deal with such a conflict.

Section 47F - Personal privacy

Section 47F - Personal privacy **Section 47F - Personal privacy** If an allegation were made to the NACC in relation to **Section 47F - Personal privacy** I will consider whether my role in the **Section 47F - Personal privacy** creates a conflict of interest and what mitigations need to be put in place to appropriately deal with such a conflict.

Section 47F - Personal privacy

Section 47F - Personal privacy **Section 47F - Personal privacy** I do not have any financial interests to declare that could relate to the affairs of the NACC.

Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 37 - Documents affecting enforcement of law and protection of public safety

Section 47F - Personal privacy

Section 47F - Personal privacy

I have made the following two conflict of interest declarations to the National Anti-Corruption Commissioner in relation to matters that may be considered by the NACC:

- Referrals from Robodebt Royal Commission

During the period of the second Ombudsman investigation into DHS' Automated Debt Raising and Recovery System, I was the Deputy Commonwealth Ombudsman.

To the extent that the referral to the NACC by the Royal Commission relates to the engagement of the DHS with the Ombudsman's office or the conduct of the Ombudsman's office, I have an actual conflict of interest and I have excused myself from any consideration of the issues.

To the extent that the referral to the NACC by the Royal Commission relates to DHS' staff engagement with the Robodebt scheme, whether it be on the commencement or operation of the scheme, I have a perceived conflict of interest and I have excused myself from any consideration of the issues.

Section 47F - Personal privacy

As I have been employed in positions in either the Australian Public Service or the Australian Parliamentary Service for approximately 25 years, I have working relationships and some friendships with people who are within the jurisdiction of the NACC. If an allegation were made to the NACC in relation to someone who I have a conflict of interest, whether actual or perceived, I will declare that interest in accordance with NACC's policies and ensure that conflict is appropriately managed.

I note that this duty to disclose is an ongoing duty and should I become aware during this year of any material personal interest that relates to the affairs of the NACC, 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. I can be contacted directly on

Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 47E
[REDACTED]

or

Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 47E - Certain operations of agencies
[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

Section 47F - Personal privacy, Section 47E - Certain operations of agencies
[REDACTED]

Jaala Hinchcliffe
Deputy Commissioner