

**From:** Philip Reed  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 February 2025 12:37 PM  
**To:** NACC - All Staff  
**Subject:** Decision by Mr Geoffrey Nettle AC KC on Robodebt referrals [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

Hi - I write to inform you that the Commission has received the decision by the independent delegate, Mr Geoffrey Nettle AC KC, appointed to reconsider the referrals from the Royal Commission into the Robodebt Scheme.

Mr Nettle has decided that each of the 6 referrals raises a corruption issue and that all 6 referrals should progress to corruption investigations under the *National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022* (Cth).

The Commission is making arrangements to ensure the impartial and fair investigation of the referrals, as it did with the appointment of Mr Nettle as Independent Delegate.

The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners Rose and Gauntlett will not participate in the investigation.

We will shortly issue a media release announcing this which you will be able to [view here](#).

There is no doubt this announcement will generate a high level of media interest and commentary on the Commission and our work once again.

I acknowledge this news may upset or frustrate some of you. And I understand you may have questions for us about the announcement or views you want to raise.

As always, I will remind you the dedicated channels we have in place to allow you to seek support or discuss openly about this and all matters that are affecting you.

This includes:

- The [Anonymous feedback form](#)
- Contact with your manager, General Manager, or the People team
- [The Commission's free 24/7 EAP service](#).

I have also asked each General Manager to book in a meeting with you as soon as practicable, to provide a line of direct communication for you to ask questions or share how you are feeling and what you want more information on.

In the meantime, we will continue to progress the Commission's important work, and I will provide you with updates as soon as there is more I can share.

Regards, Philip

**From:** Peta Hegarty  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 February 2025 8:14 PM  
**To:** Philip Reed  
**Subject:** Dot points for Philip Peta catch up [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Philip

Sending my usual dot points ahead of our catch-up Tuesday at 4pm.

M&C

- Focus has been on media release, manager TPs, and other internal comms relating to the forthcoming announcement re Robo matters.

# Section 22 - Irrelevant Material

Peta

**Peta Hegarty**

General Manager Media, Communications, Corruption Prevention and Education

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## National Anti-Corruption Commission

In the spirit of reconciliation, the National Anti-Corruption Commission acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

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**From:** Philip Reed  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 February 2025 4:47 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Rebekah O'Meagher  
**Subject:** Final media release  
**Attachments:** Media Release 20250217 - final.docx

Hi [REDACTED] – please find attached the final version of the media release for use today if required. The date will need to be changed if issued today. Regards, Philip

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 February 2025 12:02 PM  
**To:** Philip Reed  
**Subject:** [FOR ADVICE] Advising GMs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Philip – can we advise GMs that the announcement will now not occur at midday?

Most/all have scheduled in meetings with their branches to discuss or field questions.

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 February 2025 12:40 PM  
**To:** Philip Reed  
**Subject:** RE: [FOR ADVICE] Advising GMs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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## Section 47C - Deliberative processes

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**From:** Philip Reed [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 February 2025 12:39 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] @nacc.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: [FOR ADVICE] Advising GMs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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[REDACTED] – email no sent to all staff. Media release imminent at around 12:45pm. Regards, Philip

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**From:** [REDACTED] @nacc.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 February 2025 12:09 PM  
**To:** Philip Reed [REDACTED] @nacc.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: [FOR ADVICE] Advising GMs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Understood Philip.

I think at least 2 branches had meetings planned for 2pm but not yet sent out.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Philip Reed [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 February 2025 12:03 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] @nacc.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: [FOR ADVICE] Advising GMs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi [REDACTED] – I can't tell you when it will be announced. What are times of their staff meetings? Regards, Philip

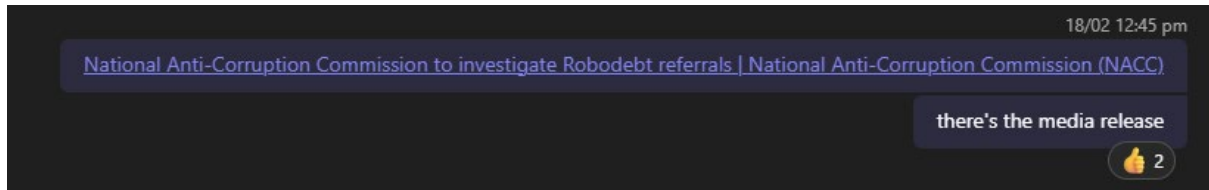
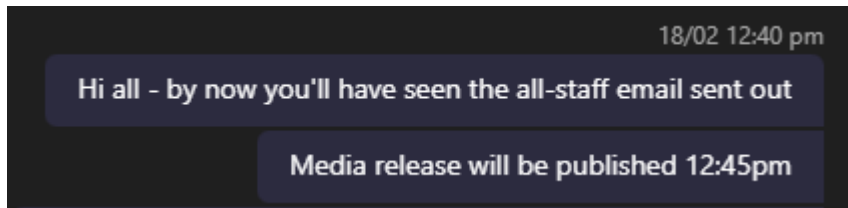
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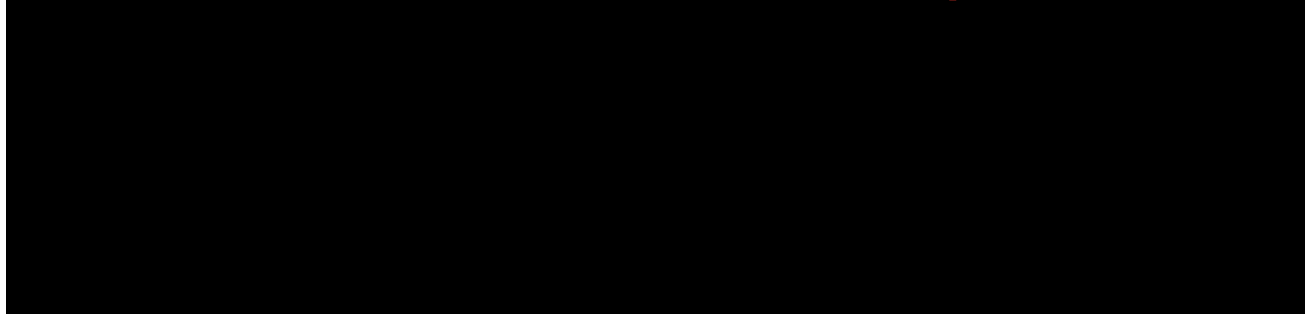


Teams messages with General Managers

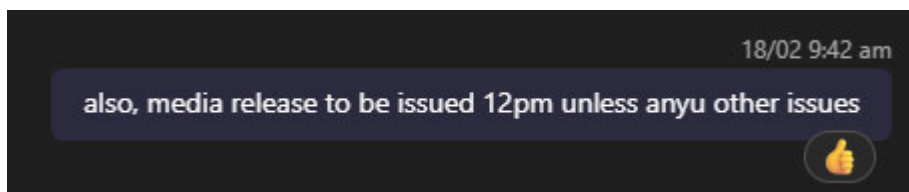
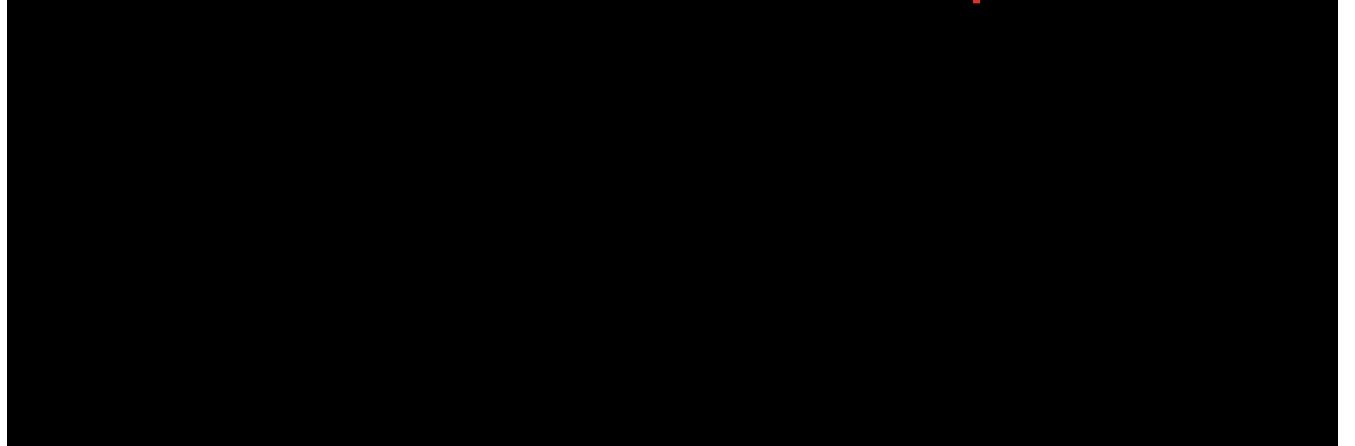


Teams messages with Director of Governance

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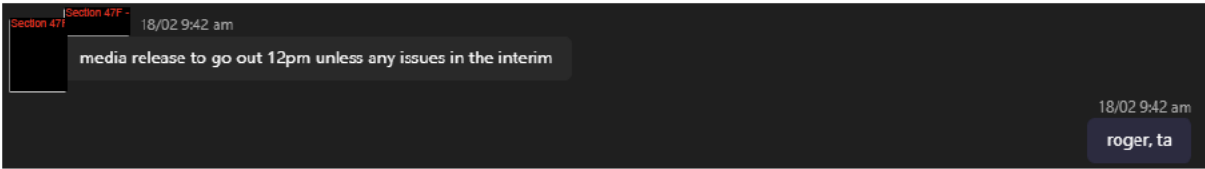
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Teams messages in chat with Director of Media and Communications

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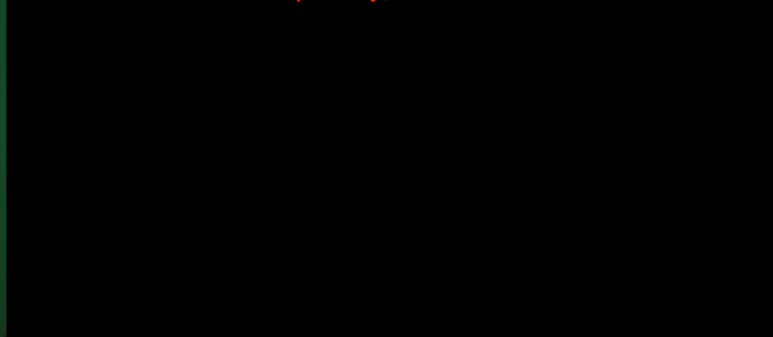


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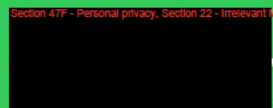
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 - apologies for the delay in coming back to you. The media release (statement) is yet to be settled, and at this rate it's looking like it still won't be settled by the Commission until tomorrow morning. I'll see if I can get an update later this afternoon.



Text Message • SMS



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** NACC media release  
**Date:** Tuesday, 18 February 2025 12:44:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
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Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached a copy of the Commission's media release just published.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Executive Officer to the CEO  
Office of the CEO and Commissioner

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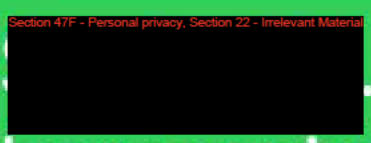
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Tue, 18 Feb at 11:41 am



- pending any last second issues, we are publishing our media release at midday. I'll send you a copy by email.

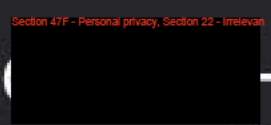
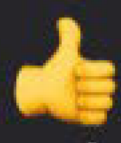
Thank you



. False alarm. Not happening at midday. Am sorry, I'll keep you posted once I know more.



- apologies, media release going out 1245pm I'll send to you



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**From:** CEO  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 February 2025 10:16 AM  
**To:** Section 47F - Personal privacy u  
**Subject:** Correspondence from the NACC  
**Attachments:** 20250217 CEO to Attorney-General - Notification of Significant Issue - signed CEO.pdf

**Importance:** High

Dear Section 47F - Personal privacy,

Please find attached correspondence from Philip Reed, CEO of the National Anti-Corruption Commission, for the attention of the Attorney-General.

Can you please reply to confirm receipt.

Yours sincerely,

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