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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 7 May 2026 12:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: For review by 4pm Friday - Response to Tasmanian Times complainant [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Yes – thanks

[REDACTED]
Manager
Gambling Compliance Team

Australian Communications and Media Authority

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 7 May 2026 12:19 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: For review by 4pm Friday - Response to Tasmanian Times complainant [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi [REDACTED],

Just confirming you are happy for me to send the email to [REDACTED] with your signature block?

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
Investigations & Compliance Officer
Gambling Compliance Team



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 7 May 2026 11:28 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: For review by 4pm Friday - Response to Tasmanian Times complainant [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks [REDACTED]

A couple of suggested tweaks to the letter to [REDACTED] but otherwise happy with this.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 May 2026 10:55 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: For review by 4pm Friday - Response to Tasmanian Times complainant [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi [REDACTED],

You'll recall we have been in correspondence with both a complainant and the provider of the Tasmanian Times. It appears that historically, this website has been used to promote illegal online casinos, however the business changed hands in January 2026 and the new owner has worked with us to remove all these promotions and come into compliance with the IGA. The complainant is the ex chief editor of the Times, and is currently proceeding to court with a wrongful termination suit against the owner of the Times. He believes he was terminated due to raising concerns over the promotion of illegal online casinos and has been actively engaging with multiple government authorities regarding the Times' practices (AFP, Fair Work, ACCC, ATO, etc).

We've finished discussions with the provider and are comfortable that there is no current contravention of the IGA and they have reformed their policies and activities to ensure they continue this compliance.

For context, here is our most recent correspondence with the provider:

ACMA to Provider, 30.03:  [2026.03.30 ACMA to Tasmania Times.pdf](#)

Provider to ACMA, 31.03:  [2026.03.31 provider email #3.msg](#)

ACMA to Provider, 04.09:  [2026.04.09 Final email from ACMA - NFA.msg](#)

The final step is to contact the complainant to inform them we will be taking no further action. For context, here is our most recent correspondence with the complainant:

ACMA to Complainant, 20.03: [2026.03.20 Response to complainant - Tasmanian Times matter.msg](#)

Complainant to ACMA 27.03:  [2026.03.27 Letter to \[REDACTED\] ACMA.pdf](#) (and attachments:  [Attachments to 27.03 Letter](#))

Complainant to ACMA 04.05:  [2026.05.04 Letter to ACMA 04052026.pdf](#)

The most recent letter from the complainant indicates that they have a court hearing in relation to this matter on 26 May and would therefore like the ACMA's response at our earliest convenience. The complainant has not yet been informed by us that we will not be taking further action.

For your review, we have drafted a response to the complainant which outlines our NFA and reasoning:

 [2026.04.02 Draft correspondence to complainant.docx](#).

If you could please review by the end of this week that would be much appreciated so we don't keep the complainant waiting.

Kind Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 5 May 2026 6:24 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: For review (non-urgent): Response to Tasmanian Times complainant [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks [REDACTED] - looks good to go to [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 May 2026 4:01 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: For review (non-urgent): Response to Tasmanian Times complainant [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for your feedback. I have added in tracked some content re the specifics of our review of the service & a sentence for contacting the ombudsman (in my experience we usually add this in if a complainant appears discontent with our action so far, which appears the case now).

Can you give it a quick look over to confirm you are happy with the changes / make any edits, then I'll send up to [REDACTED]

 [2026.04.02 Draft correspondence to complainant.docx](#).

Kind Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 May 2026 2:30 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: For review (non-urgent): Response to Tasmanian Times complainant [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for providing me with the additional information

I have marked up some suggested edits to the response for your consideration and, as always, am happy to discuss.

Would we usually put a line in about the Cth Ombudsman at this point in a response - if so then I agree it would be appropriate to follow that process (or may be appropriate in any event to do so in these circumstances).

I considered whether there was something further we could add to explain that when we exercise our discretion at a certain point about whether to take things into account we weigh up a number a number of factors in the public interest. One of the key factors we have considered in this matter is that there is no current evidence of harm, we have alerted the current owners to its obligations and we will continue to monitor the situation etc otherwise. If you want to include something along those lines then would be happy to review.

Given [REDACTED]'s previous involvement on this, I would like her to review the final response before we send.

When sending to [REDACTED], it would be helpful (as a reminder for her) of the brief history of correspondence, our inquiries to date, what we have been told by the current proprietors. Happy to discuss

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 28 April 2026 2:16 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: For review (non-urgent): Response to Tasmanian Times complainant

Hi [REDACTED],

You'll recall we have been in correspondence with both a complainant and the provider of the Tasmanian Times. We've finished discussions with the provider and are comfortable that there is no current contravention of the IGA. The final step is to contact the complainant to let them know we will be taking no further action. For your review, we have drafted a response to the complainant to this end:  [2026.04.02 Draft correspondence to complainant.docx](#).

For context this is the complainant's most recent letter to us which we refer to in our response:  [2026.03.27 Letter to \[REDACTED\] ACMA.pdf](#).

Any further context you may need in our previous correspondence can be found here:  [Complainant Emails](#)

Apologies that this one has dragged out a bit. This is non-urgent so will put in your VINT with a 2 week due date, but whenever you are able to review is fine as I know you are swamped.

Kind Regards,

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