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**To:** **s 47F** [whiteaustralia.org](mailto:whiteaustralia.org)  
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**Subject:** RE: ECCI0094892 - White Australia Party - Membership Confidentiality Confirmation [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Monday, 17 November 2025 2:30:46 PM  
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Dear **s 47F**

Thank you for your correspondence to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) on 12 November 2025.

The AEC administers the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, which includes the registration of political parties (Part XI).

The AEC does not disclose or publish membership lists as part of registration processes (s 126), or as part of eligibility reviews (s 138A).

The AEC does not disclose membership information unless required to do so by law, for example under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (subject to the application of any exemptions and consultation requirements contained therein), the *Privacy Act 1988*, or under a validly issued warrant.

Thank you

**s 22**

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**From:** FAD

**Sent:** Thursday, 13 November 2025 5:59 PM

**To:** **s 47F** [@whiteaustralia.org](mailto:whiteaustralia.org)

**Subject:** RE: ECCI0094892 - White Australia Party - Membership Confidentiality Confirmation [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear **s 47F**

The Australian Electoral Commission acknowledges receipt of your correspondence and will provide a response in due course.

Regards

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To whom it may concern,

Please find letter attached seeking confirmation regarding membership confidentiality during the Federal Party registration process.

Kind regards,

**s 47F**

NSW State Leader - White Australia

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**White Australia Party**

(Prospective Federal Political Party)

s 47F

Email: s 47F [whiteaustralia.org](http://whiteaustralia.org)

12 November 2025

Australian Electoral Commission

PO Box 6172

Kingston ACT 2604

Dear Commissioners,

**Re: Confidentiality of Party Membership Lists upon Registration Application – Urgent Confirmation Required**

The White Australia Party, a prospective political party preparing to lodge an application for federal registration under Part XI of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Cth), writes to seek formal written confirmation from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) that membership lists submitted as part of the registration process are treated as strictly confidential and are protected from public disclosure, including to the media.

This request is prompted by recent public statements attributed to the Hon. Chris Minns MP, Premier of New South Wales, in which he warned that "*anyone joining the 'White Australia' party run by the National Socialist Network could be publicly outing themselves as racists, noting that at least 750 people are needed to register it as a political party in the state.*" Such remarks, whether intended as commentary or warning, raise serious concerns about the security and statutory protection afforded to sensitive party information held by the AEC, particularly given the implication of inevitable public exposure through the registration process.

As you are aware, section 126 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* requires an applicant party to provide a list of at least 1,500 members who are electors. The AEC's published guidance and past administrative practice confirm that these membership lists are **not publicly disclosed** and are used solely for the purpose of verifying eligibility for registration. Furthermore:

- The lists are **not subject to freedom of information (FOI) release** under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) by virtue of their exempt status as personal information and documents affecting the AEC's deliberative processes.
- The AEC has a statutory duty under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (Cth) and the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) to protect the personal information of members from unauthorised access or disclosure.
- Historical precedent demonstrates that no registered party's membership list has ever been lawfully released by the AEC to the public or media.

In light of Premier Minns' comments, which risk creating a chilling effect on political participation and undermining public confidence in the AEC's processes, we respectfully request:

1. **Written confirmation** that membership lists submitted to the AEC are:
  - Held in the strictest confidence;
  - Accessible only to authorised AEC staff for registration verification purposes;
  - Protected from disclosure under FOI, media requests, or any other external inquiry.
2. **Confirmation of security protocols** in place to prevent unauthorised access, copying, or leakage of membership data, including digital and physical safeguards.
3. **A statement of policy** regarding the AEC's response to any attempt—whether by government officials, media, or third parties—to compel or induce the release of such lists.

Our members will appreciate this assurance that our members privacy will be upheld in accordance with law and AEC practice.

The New South Wales Electoral Commission will also be contacted to confirm the same.

As this is a live and pressing issue, we would appreciate a response by close of business **14 November 2025** and are available to discuss this matter at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

**s 47F**

NSW State Leader  
White Australia

Document 3

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Dear S 47F

Thank you for your query to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) on 18 November 2024.

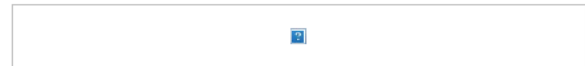
The list of 1,500 - 1,650 members that supports a non-Parliamentary party's application for registration is not made public. The list is used internally by the AEC to assess whether a party has at least 1,500 members in accordance with the process outlined at Appendix 2 of the AEC's *Guide for registering a party*, available on the AEC website at:

[https://www.aec.gov.au/Parties\\_and\\_Representatives/Party\\_Registration/guide/files/party-registration-guide.pdf?v=1.1](https://www.aec.gov.au/Parties_and_Representatives/Party_Registration/guide/files/party-registration-guide.pdf?v=1.1)

Regards

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I have an enquiry

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I have a question regarding the 1500 signatures required for national party registration. Are the signatories public knowledge? Or is the people who signs details essentially for AEC eyes only ??^

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