

**Crozier, Peter**

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**From:** Crozier, Peter  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 August 2021 12:46 AM  
**To:** Gaughan, Nell; Chew, Michael; [REDACTED] David; O'Meagher, Hall; Moller, Scott; [REDACTED]  
 Joanne; Langlands, Heath  
**Subject:** Planning with regard to Covina [SEC=PROTECTED]

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CPO,

As discussed the proposed planning (based on best case) with respect to next steps on Covina.

- Michael will seek some clarity with the Registrar in respect to options on service of the summons.
- Should the current requirement remain in respect to personal service, the team will arrange to have the original summons provided to Eastern Command and they will provide service on the nominated legal representative for Mr Lehrmann in Sydney (either tomorrow or Friday). As I understand it, the time frame for 1<sup>st</sup> mention is up to 6 weeks (so likely mid-September appearance but does not necessarily require personal appearance). Once that is determined, we will advise the ACT DPP that we are moving forward via this process just for their information and the likelihood they may receive some form of media engagement based on the previous media in this matter.
- Ms Higgins will not be contacted prior to confirming the above timings.
- Once confirmed, immediately prior to service of the summons, the team (Scott) will contact Ms Higgins and advise of the intended next steps including proceeding via summons and provide any appropriate points of clarification she or her nominated representatives may seek.
- It is proposed within the hour of the advice to Ms Higgins, the summons will be served as per the proposed arrangements above.
- I will then advise the MPES CoS and AFP CoS office for the advice of the Commissioner and the DCI.
- The short factual media statement will be released by ACTP Media shortly thereafter – please note our current intent is not to provide additional points of clarity to the MR as previously discussed, although these may form the basis of any appropriate subsequent responses to any media inquiries received.
- The QTB will be updated with the relevant points.

Michael – Scott: Please advise if there is any additions or amendments to the above.

Many thanks,

Peter

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