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**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 May 2019 10:38 AM  
**To:** Julie Inman Grant <[REDACTED]@eSafety.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Blocking of sites hosting material associated with the Christchurch attacks [SEC UNCLASSIFIED]

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Here we go

Richard



**Richard Eccles**

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From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2019 10:16 AM  
To: [REDACTED]@fp.gov.au; [REDACTED]@esafety.gov.au  
Cc: Eccles, Richard [REDACTED]@communications.gov.au>  
Subject: Blocking of sites hosting material associated with the Christchurch attacks

Dear [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Please find our letter attached.

Regards

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7 May 2019

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Australian Federal Police  
Email: [REDACTED]@afp.gov.au

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eSafety Commissioner (a/g)  
Email: [REDACTED]@esafety.gov.au

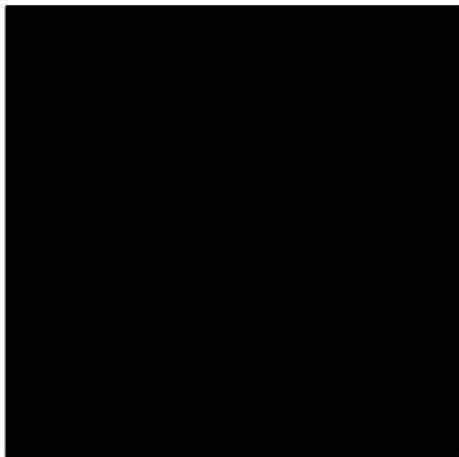
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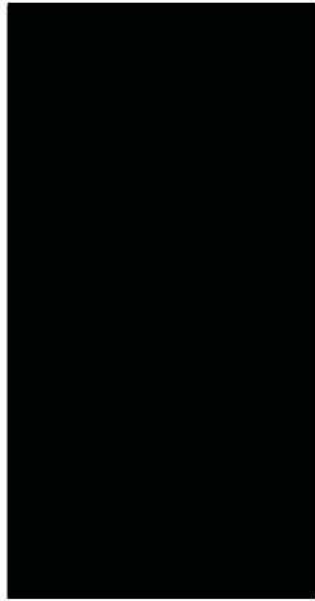
Mr Richard Eccles  
Deputy Secretary  
Department of Communications and the Arts  
Email: [REDACTED]@communications.gov.au

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your recent correspondence to [REDACTED], in relation to the blocking of URLs and domains which hosts content of the Christchurch terrorist attack that the Classification Board has given a "Refused Classification" and that the AFP have advised may fall within a number of offences in the Criminal Code Act 1995.

[REDACTED] is currently blocking other domains based on previous lists circulated by [REDACTED] after the Christchurch terrorist attack, which are not on the list provided by the eSafety Commissioner (see below). We have assumed that the reason these are not on the list provided by the eSafety Commissioner is that it has since been determined that the relevant content is no longer being hosted on those sites. As such, we propose unblocking these domains shortly unless you confirm that these sites still hosts the offending material.





Please contact me on [REDACTED] or a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] if you have any queries."

Yours sincerely



[REDACTED]

**From:** Eccles, Richard [REDACTED]@communications.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 May 2019 5:03 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Julie Inman Grant; [REDACTED] Carolyn Patteson  
**Subject:** RE: Blocking of sites hosting material associated with the Christchurch attacks [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence of 7 May, addressed to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the Office of the eSafety Commissioner (OeSC) and copied to me, regarding the blocking of URLs and domains that host content of the Christchurch attacks.

I have consulted with the AFP and OeSC and have their agreement to this response, which should be considered alongside the earlier correspondence of 26 April from the Secretary of the Department of Communications and the Arts, the AFP Assistant Commissioner, and the Acting eSafety Commissioner.

[REDACTED]

Further, as advised, the footage and the manifesto have been classified by the Australian Classification Board as Refused Classification, which means that the eSafety Commissioner could order their removal if there were found on any Australian based websites.

In summary, the fact that a domain does not appear on the list provided to you by eSafety should not be interpreted as confirmation that the domain is not providing any access whatsoever to the material in question. Indeed, the nature of these sites would suggest that there is a risk that this material may continue to be available.

Our advice, therefore, remains unchanged from the position outlined in the correspondence of 26 April – that it would be inappropriate for ISPs to unblock these sites at this time.

All the best

Richard



**Richard Eccles**

Deputy Secretary / Content, Arts, Strategy and Research  
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