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Mr Adam Fennessy PSM  
Victorian Public Sector Commissioner  
Victorian Public Sector Commission  
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Dear Mr Fennessy,

**Declaring a potential conflict of interest and proposed resolution.**

On 27 June 2022, The Hon. Lizzie Blandthorn MP was sworn into the Executive of the Victorian Government as the new Minister for Planning in the Victorian Parliament.

The Hon. Lizzie Blandthorn MP is the older sister of myself and as such some people without knowledge may seek to declare a conflict of interest in the absence of protocols.

To this end Hawker Britton proposes to undertake the following:

1. That Mr. John-Paul Blandthorn will ensure that any contact with The Hon. Lizzie Blandthorn MP relating to her portfolio responsibilities will be done in the presence of an independent person appointed by the Secretary for the Department of Environment, Water Land and Planning.
2. To the extent possible Mr. John-Paul Blandthorn will seek to do meetings with staff of The Hon. Lizzie Blandthorn MP rather than the Minister herself.
3. Mr. Blandthorn will keep a log of meetings with the Minister's Office that will include:
  - a. Date
  - b. Attendees
  - c. Subject of meeting

This log can be reviewed by the Public Sector Services Commissioner at their timely request.

Whilst the above-mentioned protocols go above and beyond what is required under the *Lobbyist Code of Conduct* we believe it is in the best interest of Hawker Britton clients and seeks to uphold a higher standard of integrity between our firm and the Victorian Government.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on 03 9034 3020.

Sincerely,

John-Paul Blandthorn  
**DIRECTOR**

cc.

The Hon. Lizzie Blandthorn MP – c/o Xxxx Xxxxxx, Chief of Staff. [xxxx.xxxxxx@minstaff.vic.gov.au](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@minstaff.vic.gov.au)

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