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## Applicant's genuine steps statement

No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_

Federal Court of Australia

District Registry: Victoria

Division: Administrative and Constitutional Law & Human Rights

**Senator Rex Patrick**

Applicant

**Australian Information Commissioner**

Respondent

This genuine steps statement is required by section 6 of the *Civil Dispute Resolution Act 2011*.

### Steps taken to try to resolve the issues in dispute

The following steps have been taken to try to resolve the issues in dispute between the applicant and the respondent in the proceeding:

- 1 By letter emailed on or around 19 April 2021, the Applicant wrote to the Respondent notifying her of an issue which could give rise to litigation for the purpose of encouraging discussions which might avoid such litigation.
- 2 The letter outlined the matters now raised in these proceedings and stated that the Applicant intended to file an application under s 7 of the AD(JR) Act seeking declarations and orders that the matters referred to in the letter be dealt with. The letter invited a response and referred to the potential for the parties to reach an agreement to address the Applicant's grievance.
- 3 Following the letter, on 28 April 2021, informal discussions were had between the Applicant and a representative of the respondent. However, they were unable to resolve the Applicant's issues.

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Date: 9 September 2021



Signed by Stella Majury  
Lawyer for the Applicant

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