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Dear Mr Buckley

Thank you for your email of 21 April 2026 to the Attorney-General, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP, regarding concerns about the recusal process at the Administrative Review Tribunal (Tribunal). The Attorney-General has requested that the Attorney-General's Department respond to you on their behalf.

I acknowledge your concerns regarding the Tribunal's recusal process. As per our letter sent to you on 26 May 2026 (MC26-015596), the Tribunal is an independent agency, and is responsible for its own operation and management. As such, it is not possible for the Attorney-General or the department to comment on the circumstances of individual cases. The following general information might be of assistance.

Section 46 of the *Administrative Review Tribunal Act 2024* enables the President of the Tribunal to reconstitute the Tribunal if a member has a conflict of interest, or an actual or apprehended bias, in relation to the proceeding. Further information regarding conflicts of interest and disclosure obligations is available through the Tribunal's Member Code of Conduct: www.art.gov.au/about-us/accountability-and-reporting/policies/member-code-conduct.

The process for providing feedback or making a complaint is outlined in the Tribunal's Service Charter and published on the Tribunal's website: <https://www.art.gov.au/about-us/accountability-and-reporting/corporate-information/service-charter>.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the Attorney-General's attention.

Yours sincerely

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