

**Appendix to ACF Paper  
Commonwealth Electoral Law - Flowcharts  
Authorisation Statements & Disclosure of Political Expenditure**

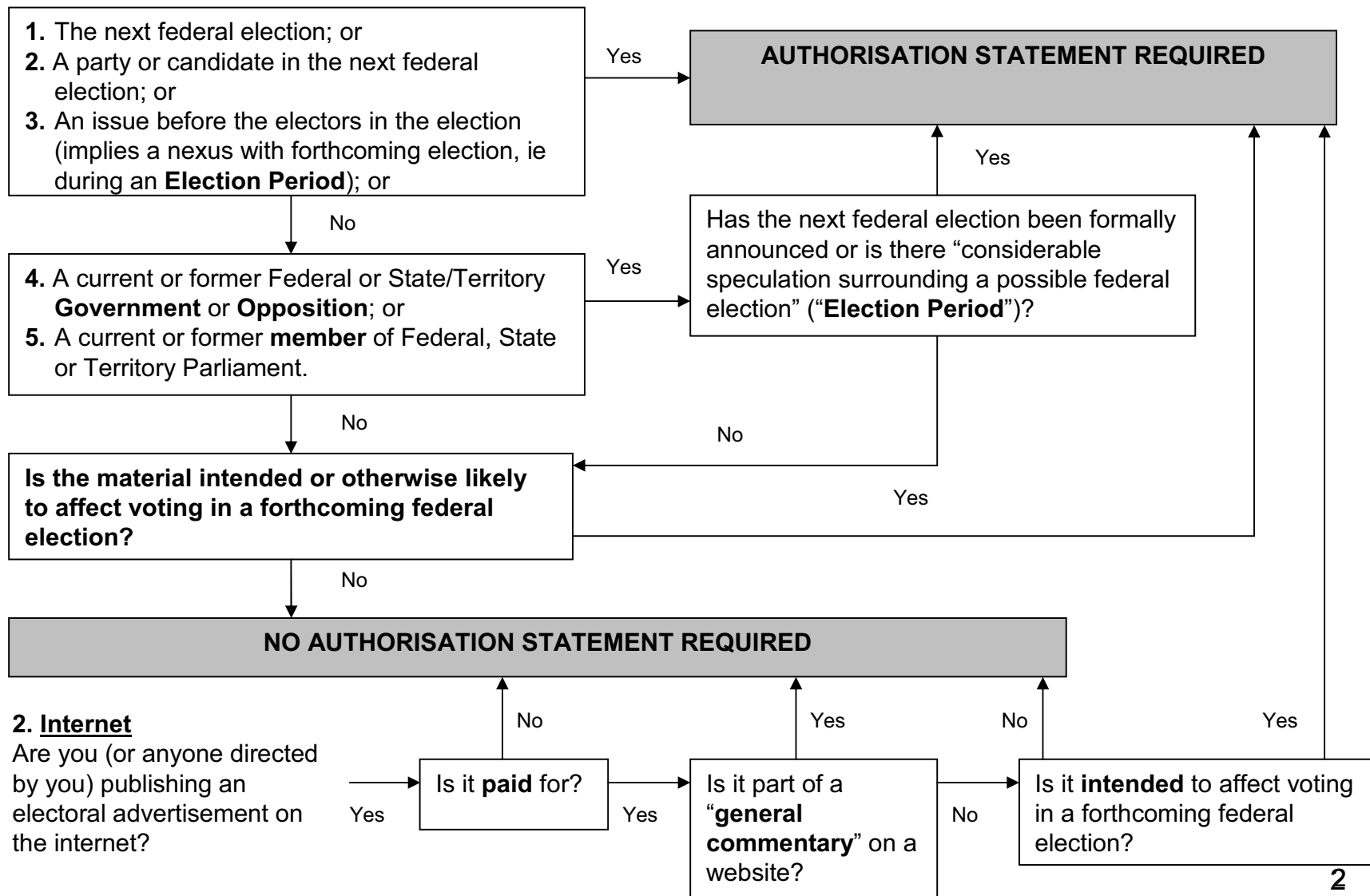
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