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MB25-000371

To: Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Minister for Cyber Security

CLIENT BRIEF

Client name:	Kanye Omari WEST
Date of birth:	S. 47F(1)
Alias:	Yeezy, Ye
Nationality:	S. 47F(1)
Client ID:	S. 47F(1)
Location:	S. 47F(1)
Nature of Conduct:	On 8 May 2025, Mr WEST released a song titled 'Heil Hitler' and associated music video, which has generated widespread media attention with the song widely being deemed anti-Semitic in nature.
Current status:	Offshore – holder of an S. 47F(1)
Reason for Client Brief:	The Department of Home Affairs (the Department) is seeking direction about whether the Minister wishes to personally consider cancelling Mr WEST's S. 47F(1) or refer the matter to a departmental delegate for decision.
Media interest:	Mr WEST has been subject to extensive media reporting throughout his career. Relevant media reporting related to his most recent activities is outlined within this brief.
Sensitivities:	Mr WEST is reportedly married to S. 47F(1) Mr WEST has previously generated a large number of Ministerial Correspondence. It is noted that the vast majority of Ministerial Correspondence does not refer to whether the author's expressed views are in relation to Mr WEST entering Australia for personal reasons or to perform (Attachment A provides a summary of known Ministerial Correspondence received during this government).

Client background:

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Criminal history

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Previous Minister's Office Consideration

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Recently controversy – release of song ‘Heil Hitler’

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Media interest

Mr WEST's song 'Heil Hitler' has generated no mainstream media interest in Australia, until on 16 May 2025, the Daily Mail reported that Australian politician, Ralph Babet, a senator for Clive Palmer's United Australia Party chose 'Heil Hitler' as his song of the week, a move which sparked outrage from the Anti-Defamation Commission Chairman, Dr Dvir Abramovich who called on Clive Palmer to sack Babet from the party ([Aussie senator defends picking 'Heil Hitler' as his song of the week - after fury erupts over his love of the Kanye West track | Daily Mail Online](#)).
[Kanye West's vile new low with Hitler song | news.com.au — Australia's leading news site](#)

Mr WEST's song has generated widespread international media interest:

On 2 May 2025, ARTnews reported that Mr WEST had revealed the cover of his new album titled 'Cuck', of which his latest song features. The album cover is an image of two Ku Klux Klan members, one wearing red and the other wearing white. Reportedly, Mr WEST's album was originally titled 'WW3' and while explaining the change of titled of the album, Mr WEST stated *'CUCK is my whole style. It's my music it's the way I dress it's my attitude. My sh*t is sex drugs rock n roll money politics homophobia sexual harassment and racism. I'm a walking lawsuit. I read more pornography than I read bible pages.'* ([Photographer Says Kanye West Use of KKK Image on 'Cuck' Cover Was 'Unauthorized'](#))

On 8 May 2025, Billboard reported that Mr WEST's latest song 'Heil Hitler' has been removed from streaming platforms ([Kanye West Says His 'Hitler' Single Is Banned From Streaming](#)).

On 8 May 2025, Forward reported that Mr WEST had continued his string of anti-Semitic provocations on Thursday as he released a new music video for a song called 'Heil Hitler' ([Ye debuts 'Heil Hitler' music video that includes a sample of a Hitler speech – The Forward](#)).

On 8 May 2025, the American Jewish Committee reported that Mr WEST had released the music video for his new song on X, featuring Nazi imagery. Reportedly, the video follows a brief Twitch livestream in which Mr WEST gave a Nazi salute and shouted "Heil Hitler" ([5 of Kanye West's Antisemitic Remarks, Explained | AJC](#)).

On 9 May 2025, Billboard reported that the CEO of Simon Wiesenthal Centre had shared a statement in relation to Mr WEST's new song stating *"Kanye West's release of a song entitled 'Heil Hitler' on VE Day, the anniversary of the defeat of the Nazi regime, is hate speech, pure and simple—totally in line with the despicable messages we now expect from West"* ([Jewish Human Rights Organization Calls Out Ye For 'Heil Hitler' Song](#)).

On 11 May 2025, NBC News reported that on 8 May 2025, Mr WEST released a new song titled 'Heil Hitler' which has been described as glorifying Hitler. Reportedly, at the time the article was written, the song had received more than 6.5 million views ([Ye song glorifying Hitler gets millions of views on X while other platforms struggle to remove it](#)).

On 11 May 2025, the Israel Hayom reported that Mr WEST's latest song continues to spread his vile ideology, praises Hitler, includes the phrase *"All my n****s Nazis, n****a, heil Hitler"*, contains a sample of part of Hitler's speech from 1936 and the cover of the song's single features an illustration strongly resembling the Nazi swastika ([Kanye West's 'Heil Hitler' – guess which platform still streams it?](#)).

The Standard reports that in addition to the song 'Heil Hitler' a different song on his latest album 'details his incestuous relationship with his cousin' and that he collaborated with 'P Diddy (who is currently on trial for sex trafficking, racketeering and transportation to engage in prostitution) on a new song, which also features his 11 year old daughter, North' ([How Kanye became uncancellable: Singing about incest and Hitler... and still 54m followers | The Standard](#))

On 19 May 2025, The Economic Times reported that Mr WEST's concert, scheduled for 31 May 2025 in Incheon, South Korea has been cancelled with organisers citing "*recent controversies involving the artist*" though specific details regarding the controversies were not outlined ([Heil Hitler song views: Kanye West's song glorifying Hitler gains 10 million views on Elon Musk's X. But the US rapper suffers a big jolt](#))

Additional media reports:

[Kanye West's pro-Hitler song gets millions of views on X - The Hindu](#)

[Kanye West's pro-Hitler song gets millions of views on X](#)

[Why Kanye West's pro-Hitler song is illegal in Germany – DW – 05/14/2025](#)

[Kanye West's 'Heil Hitler' Song & Controversy Explained](#)

[Kanye West defends Heil Hitler song as response to custody loss and frozen assets](#)

Potential options:

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Attachments:

Attachment A – Summary Ministerial Correspondence

Attachment B – Lyrics to ‘Heil Hitler’

Clearance & contact officer:

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A/g Assistant Secretary
Character and Cancellation Branch

Phone: S. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Date: 23 May 2025

Date first prepared: 22/05/2025

Date last updated: 23/05/2025

CC. Nil.

Ministerial Correspondence

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ATTACHMENT B

[HEIL HITLER | Kanye West Wiki | Fandom](#)

[Verse 1: Ye]

Man, these people took my kids from me
Then they froze my bank account
I got so much anger in me
Got no way to take it out
Think I'm stuck in the Matrix
Where the f**k is my nitrous
Yes, I am a cuck, I like when people fuck on my bitch
With shit that I'm postin' on Twitter they tellin' me, "Ye, don't say that"
How n***** can see me in public im drivin an all-chrome Maybach
With all of the money and fame I still can't get my kids back
With all of the money and fame I still don't get to see my children
n***** see my Twitter, but they don't see how I be feeling
So I became a Nazi, yeah, bitch, I'm the villain

[Chorus: Ye]

N*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
They don't understand the things I say on Twitter
N*gga, Heil Hitler
They don't understand the things I say on Twitter
All my n***** Nazis, n*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
All my n***** Nazis, n*gga, Heil Hitler
She wanna fuck in Japan, I put the chrome on the Benz
(N*gga, Heil Hitler)
She reaching down to my pants, she got the world in her hands

[Chorus: The Hooligans]

N*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
All my n***** Nazis, n*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
All my n***** Nazis, n*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler

[Outro: Adolf Hitler]

Du meine Arbeit für richtig hältst
Ob du glaubst, dass ich fleißig gewesen bin, dass ich gearbeitet habe
Dass ich mich in diesen Jahren für dich eingesetzt habe, dass ich anständig meine Zeit verwendet
habe im Dienste meines Volkes.

Gib du jetzt deine Stimme ab, wenn "JA", dann tritt für mich ein, so wie ich für dich eingetreten bin!

Google translate:

You think my work is right
Whether you believe that I have been diligent, that I have worked
That I have stood up for you during these years, that I have spent my time
used in the service of my people.
Cast your vote now, if "YES", then stand up for me as I stood up for you!

From: [Visa Cancellations](#)
To: s. 47F(1)
Subject: Notification of Decision - WEST, Kanye Omari (08/06/1977,M) - s. 47F(1)
[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 28 May 2025 5:37:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Notification of cancellation - WEST, Kanye Omari - s. 47F\(1\) .pdf](#)
[Decision record - WEST Kanye Omari - s. 47F\(1\) .pdf](#)

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Dear s. 47F(1)

Please see the attached information regarding Notification of Decision -
s. 47F(1) - WEST, Kanye Omari s. 47F(1)

The letter and attachments are provided as PDF files. To view or print a PDF file, you need the Adobe Reader(R), version 5 or later, on your computer. You can download a free copy of Adobe Reader(R) and access instructions on how to install the software from the Adobe website get.adobe.com/reader/.

Contacting General Cancellations Network

If you or your client need to contact us about this matter, we prefer you do this by emailing s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au)

If you or your client wish to contact us to respond to this notice, you should ensure you have read the notice carefully and are responding in the manner requested.

Yours sincerely

Position number: 60152555

Department of Home Affairs

E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au)

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NOTIFICATION OF CANCELLATION UNDER SECTION 128 OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958*

28 May 2025

Sent to authorised recipient: s. 47F(1)

Mr Kanye Omari West

s. 47F(1)

In reply please quote:

Client Name: WEST, Kanye Omari

Date of Birth: s. 47F(1)

s. 47F(1)

Dear Mr Kanye Omari West

I wish to advise that your s. 47F(1)

under section 128 of the *Migration Act 1958* 'the Act', which states:

Power to cancel

Section 128 Cancellation of visas of people outside Australia

If:

(a) the Minister is satisfied that:

(i) there is a ground for cancelling a visa under section 116; and

(ii) it is appropriate to cancel in accordance with this Subdivision; and

(b) the non-citizen is outside Australia;

the Minister may, without notice to the holder of the visa, cancel the visa.

Ground(s) for cancellation:

Your visa was cancelled because I was satisfied there was a ground for cancelling your visa under paragraph 116(1)(e)(i) of the Act .

Particulars of the ground for cancellation:

Paragraph 116(1)(e)(i) of the Act relevantly provides that the Minister may cancel a visa if satisfied that the presence of its holder in Australia is or may be, or would or might be, a risk to the health, safety or good order of the Australian community or a segment of the Australian community.

Please refer to the attached Decision Record for details regarding this decision.

You are invited to show why you think the ground for cancellation does not exist and/or to give reasons why your visa should not have been cancelled.

If you are able to show that the ground for cancellation does not exist, the cancellation of your visa will be revoked. If you cannot show that the ground for cancellation does not exist, but there is a reason why your visa should not have been cancelled, the cancellation of your visa may be revoked.

The time frame in which you must respond to this notice is 28 calendar days, beginning when you are taken to have received this notice. Where the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, public holiday or bank holiday, the date is extended to the next working day.

As this letter was sent to you by email, you are taken to have received this letter at the end of the day it was transmitted.

You can send your response to email address: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au or to the postal address as listed at the foot of this letter.

There is no provision for this time frame to be extended. If you do not respond within the above time frame, the revocation of the cancellation of your visa will not be considered.

As you are no longer the holder of an Australian visa, you are not entitled to travel to Australia. If you do you will be refused immigration clearance and will be removed from Australia.

Relevant agencies in Australia have been advised that your visa and those of your family members have been cancelled.

You may wish to make another application for a visa, however I can give no indication of the possible outcome of that application. You should contact your nearest Australian mission for further information.

Yours sincerely

Position number 60152555
Department of Home Affairs

Attachment(s)

Decision Record



DECISION RECORD OF VISA CANCELLATION UNDER SECTION 128 OF THE
MIGRATION ACT 1958

PART A: PERSONAL AND VISA DETAILS

1. Personal particulars of visa holder

Family Name: WEST

Given Names: Kanye Omari

Alias: Ye; Yeezy

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2. Visa Details

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PART B: CONSIDERATION OF VISA CANCELLATION

Power to cancel

Section 128 Cancellation of visas of people outside Australia

If:

(a) the Minister is satisfied that:

(i) there is a ground for cancelling a visa under section 116; and

(ii) it is appropriate to cancel in accordance with this Subdivision; and

(b) the non-citizen is outside Australia;

the Minister may, without notice to the holder of the visa, cancel the visa.

Possible ground for cancellation:

The relevant ground under section 116 of the Act which is being considered in this case, is section 116(1)(e)(i) of the *Migration Act 1958*, which states:

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(1) *Subject to subsections (2) and (3), the Minister may cancel a visa if he or she is satisfied that:*

(e) the presence of its holder in Australia is or may be, or would or might be, a risk to:

(i) the health, safety or good order of the Australian community or a segment of the Australian community;

(2) *The Minister is not to cancel a visa under subsection (1), (1AA), (1AB) or (1AC) if there exist prescribed circumstances in which a visa is not to be cancelled.*

(3) *If the Minister may cancel a visa under subsection (1), (1AA), (1AB) or (1AC), the Minister must do so if there exist prescribed circumstances in which a visa must be cancelled.*

Evidence of grounds for cancellation:

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PART C: GROUNDS FOR CANCELLATION

Assessment

I am satisfied that:

- there is a ground for cancelling the visa under section 116 of the *Migration Act 1958* (section 128(a) (i));
- it is appropriate to cancel in accordance with Subdivision F of the *Migration Act 1958* (section 128(a) (ii)); and
- Departmental records show that the visa holder is outside Australia (paragraph 128(b)).

Section 128(a) (i) of the *Migration Act 1958*

I am satisfied that there are grounds for cancellation of this visa under section 128 of the *Migration Act 1958*, relying on the grounds at s116(1)(e)(i) of the *Act*. *This is* because it is considered that the visa holder's presence in Australia may be a risk to the community.

This consideration is based on the fact the visa holder is a high profile individual with extreme views, and his influence has a far reaching effect to those in the mainstream community. There is a risk that those views will be adopted by members of the community and potentially increase the level of hatred and instances of attacks against particular segments of the community, namely the Jewish population.

As a ground for cancellation exists under s116(1)(e) of the *Act* I am satisfied that the requirements of s128(a)(i) have been met.

Section 128(a) (ii) of the *Migration Act 1958*

Having full regard to all of the circumstances of the case, I am satisfied it is appropriate to cancel the visa in accordance with Subdivision F of the *Migration Act 1958*.

The reasons I consider it appropriate to cancel without notice under section 128 of the *Migration Act 1958* are:

- This will have the effect of immediate cancellation of the visa;
- The visa holder may travel to Australia if given further notice of intended cancellation, and the circumstances are such that if he attempted to enter Australia, it is likely the visa would be cancelled on that attempt;
- There are no secondary visa holders remaining in Australia, who will have their visas consequentially cancelled without warning;
- The visa holder can seek revocation of the cancellation decision, should he choose to do so.

Based on the above, I consider section 128(a)(ii) of the Act is satisfied.

Section 128(b) of the *Migration Act 1958*

I find that the visa holder is outside Australia. This is based on departmental records available to me.

I am therefore satisfied that the requirements of s128(b) are met.

Residual discretion

Having been satisfied that there is a ground for cancelling the visa under section 116 of the *Migration Act 1958* (section 128(a) (i)); it is appropriate to cancel in accordance with Subdivision F of the *Migration Act 1958* (section 128(a) (ii)); and that [Mr/s name] is outside Australia (section 128(b)), I must now exercise my residual discretion in deciding whether to cancel the visa. In doing so, I have considered the following matters:

- **Purpose of the visa holder's travel to and stay in Australia**

The purpose of an s. 47F(1) visa is to enable the holder to visit Australia temporarily for the purposes of tourism or business visitor activity.

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PART D: DECISION

I am satisfied that the grounds for cancellation under section 128 of the *Migration Act 1958* have been established. Based on the findings and assessment above, I have decided to cancel the visa holder's s. 47F(1).

RECORD OF DECISION

Section Subparagraph 128(a) (i) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	SATISFIED NOT SATISFIED
Section Subparagraph 128(a) (ii) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	SATISFIED NOT SATISFIED
Section Paragraph 128(b) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	SATISFIED NOT SATISFIED
Cancellation of the visa holder's s. 47F(1)	CANCEL VISA DO NOT
s. 47F(1)	CANCEL VISA

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Position number 60152555
Department of Home Affairs

10:22hrs AWST
28 May 2025

The date and time of this decision record is the local date and time of the decision maker and expressed as a 24-hour clock.

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To: [Ministerial Briefs](#)
Cc: [DLO.Burke](#); [S. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#); [CACB Executive Support](#)
Subject: FW: Media reporting - Kanye WEST[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Thursday, 22 May 2025 11:37:59 AM
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Hi team

As per below, can you please create a PDR for the MO requested client brief on Mr Kanye West and assign to CACB?

Kind regards

[S. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

Senior Departmental Liaison Officer
Office of the Hon Tony Burke MP
Minister for Home Affairs | Minister for Cyber Security
Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
Parliament House, Canberra

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Good afternoon all

The decision on Mr WEST has been finalised. His migration agent has been notified this afternoon.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Complex Case Officer | General Cancellations Network WA
Character and Cancellation Branch
Status Resolution and Visa Cancellation Division
Immigration Group
Department of Home Affairs

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Just fyi

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Assistant Director, General Cancellations Network WA
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 Department of Home Affairs
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Importance: High

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Hi s. 22(1)(a),

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Happy to discuss further.

Kind regards,

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Director, Complex and Controversial Cases
Character and Cancellation Branch
Character, Cancellation and Case Resolution Division
Immigration Compliance Group
Department of Home Affairs

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@homeaffairs.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Media reporting - Kanye WEST[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

To assist with discussion in the office, can I please seek a Client Brief on Mr West

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Senior Adviser

Office of the Hon Tony Burke MP

Member for Watson | Minister for Home Affairs | Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

Minister for Cyber Security | Minister for the Arts | Leader of the House of Representatives

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TALKING POINTS

Subject	Mr Kanye Omari West
Date	13 May 2025
Type	Agency
Media Officer:	Media Ph: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

ISSUE

Pre-emptive talking points in relation to Mr Kanye Omari WEST's immigration status.

TALKING POINTS OFFICIAL

Attributable to a Departmental spokesperson:

- The Department does not comment on individual cases.

On background OFFICIAL (for use in reporting, not for attribution):

(The talking points in this section will be provided to the journalist on background and should support the formal response. This section will not be attributable to a Department spokesperson but should not include anything above OFFICIAL).

- All non-citizens who wish to travel to, enter or remain in Australia must satisfy the requirements of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) and the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations), including identity, health, character and security requirements.
- The Australian Government is committed to protecting the Australian community from the risk of harm posed by non-citizens who engage in criminal conduct or behaviour of concern.
- The Australian Government will continue to act decisively to protect the community from the risk of harm posed by individuals who choose to engage in criminal activity or behaviour of concern, including visa cancellation or refusal where appropriate.
- Non-citizens who do not comply with their visa conditions, or who may pose a risk to the health and safety of the Australian community, can expect to have their visas considered for cancellation.
- Further information regarding the character requirements is available at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNAL AWARENESS ONLY – NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE

(The information below should not be publicly released without the authority of the Department of Home Affairs.)

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CLEARANCE

All clearances below must be completed before being returned to Media Operations.

Lead business area
The Media team will contact the area(s) should further clarification be required.
Character and Cancellation Branch

Drafting officer		
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	Complex and Controversial Cases Section	13/05/2025

International Division clearance	
	Yes ☐ N/A ☐

Other Government agency consultation/clearance		Yes ☐ N/A ☐
Agency	Branch/area	Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Final SES clearance (minimum SES Band 1) and approval for release		
SES of lead business area must verify that all appropriate consultation and clearances have been undertaken.		
Jodi Stubbs	Assistant Secretary, Character and Cancellation Branch	13/05/2025

Review / Consultation		
Full Name	Position / Branch / Division or Group	Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Media and Communication Branch		
Full Name	Position / Branch / Division or Group	Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

[Verse 1: Ye]

Man, these people took my kids from me
Then they froze my bank account
I got so much anger in me
Got no way to take it out
Think I'm stuck in the Matrix
Where the fuck is my nitrous
Yes, I am a cuck, I like when people fuck on my bitch
With shit that I'm postin' on Twitter they tellin' me, "Ye, don't say that"
How n***** can see me in public im drivin an all-chrome Maybach
With all of the money and fame I still can't get my kids back
With all of the money and fame I still don't get to see my children
n***** see my Twitter, but they don't see how I be feeling
So I became a Nazi, yeah, bitch, I'm the villain

[Chorus: Ye]

N*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
They don't understand the things I say on Twitter
N*gga, Heil Hitler
They don't understand the things I say on Twitter
All my n***** Nazis, n*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
All my n***** Nazis, n*gga, Heil Hitler
She wanna fuck in Japan, I put the chrome on the Benz
(N*gga, Heil Hitler)
She reaching down to my pants, she got the world in her hands

[Chorus: The Hooligans]

N*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
All my n***** Nazis, n*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
All my n***** Nazis, n*gga, Heil Hitler
N*gga, Heil Hitler
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N*gga, Heil Hitler

[Outro: Adolf Hitler]

Du meine Arbeit für richtig hältst
Ob du glaubst, dass ich fleißig gewesen bin, dass ich gearbeitet habe
Dass ich mich in diesen Jahren für dich eingesetzt habe, dass ich anständig meine Zeit verwendet habe
im Dienste meines Volkes.
Gib du jetzt deine Stimme ab, wenn "JA", dann tritt für mich ein, so wie ich für dich eingetreten bin!

Google translate:

You think my work is right

Whether you believe that I have been diligent, that I have worked

That I have stood up for you during these years, that I have spent my time
used in the service of my people.

Cast your vote now, if "YES", then stand up for me as I stood up for you!

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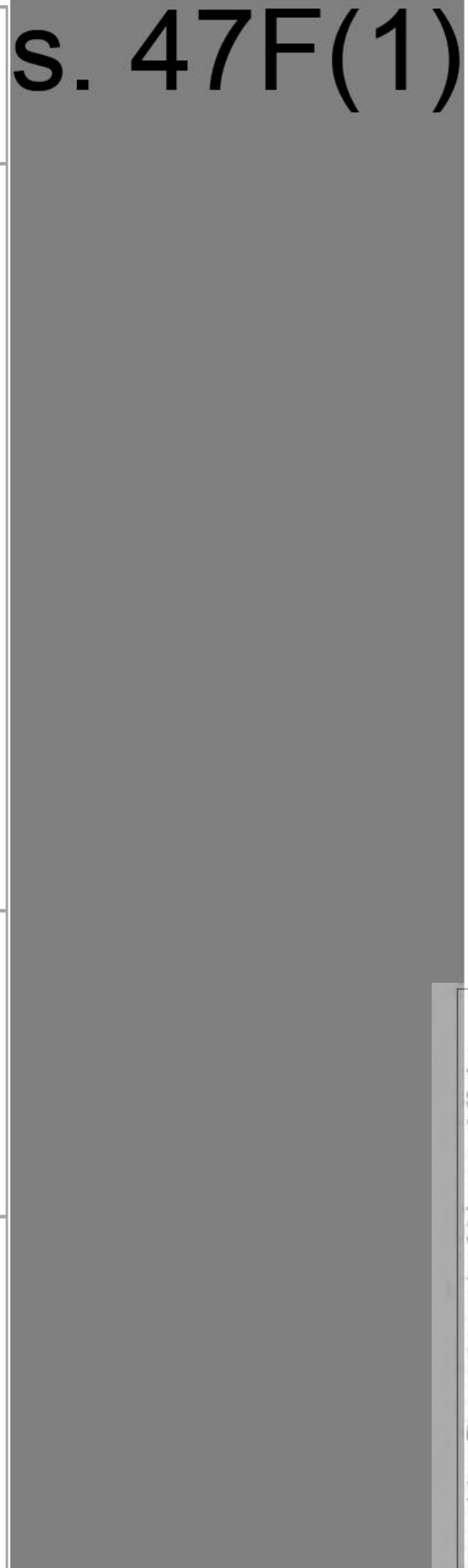
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Subject: Re: Pre-emptive media TP's - WEST Kanye Omari[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 13 May 2025 6:16:51 PM
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Hi [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

We are still discussing approach with the MO, these are being provided in advance of media enquiries. If we proceed with cancellation consideration, we will update you.

Thanks, Jodi

Assistant Secretary
 Character and Cancellation Branch
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Subject: RE: Pre-emptive media TP's - WEST Kanye Omari [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Jodi,

Thank you for sending this across. Can I confirm that we have received these because we're looking to cancel the current visa?

Kind regards,

[s. 22\(1\)\(a\)](#)

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Subject: Pre-emptive media TP's - WEST Kanye Omari [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Media

We have identified today some media reporting in relation to a new song released by Mr Kanye WEST. I have raised this matter separately with the Minister's office. We have not identified this issue in any Australian media and have summarised the media identified within the media brief attached.

Pre-emptive media TPs are cleared to progress. Please let me know if you wish to discuss.

Regards, Jodi

Jodi Stubbs

Assistant Secretary

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From: S. 47F(1)
To: [Home Affairs Media](#)
Subject: CM: Comment Request | Kanye West Visa
Date: Wednesday, 2 July 2025 9:36:18 PM
Attachments: S. 47F(1)
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To whom it may concern,

I hope this email finds you well.

My name is S. 47F(1) and I am a journalist for S. 47F(1), reaching out for comment on an article which is reporting on the visa revoking of Kanye West, following a song which has glorified the Nazi leader, Adolf Hitler.

As such, I am reaching out in order to request a comment on the visa revocation and this decision from the Australian government.

In the event that this article goes live before you are able to respond, it will be updated with your comments.

Kind regards,

S. 47F(1)
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From: [Home Affairs Media](#)
To: s. 47F(1)
Cc: [Home Affairs Media](#)
Subject: CM: RESPONSE: s. 47F(1) inquiry: Kanye West visa [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 3 July 2025 9:04:48 AM

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Hi s. 47F(1)

Please find below the response to your enquiry.

Attributable to a Departmental spokesperson:

- The Department does not comment on individual cases.
- All non-citizens who wish to travel to, enter or remain in Australia must satisfy the requirements of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) and the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations), including identity, health, character and security requirements.
- The Australian Government is committed to protecting the Australian community from the risk of harm posed by non-citizens who engage in criminal conduct or behaviour of concern.
- The Australian Government will continue to act decisively to protect the community from the risk of harm posed by individuals who choose to engage in criminal activity or behaviour of concern, including visa cancellation or refusal where appropriate.
- Non-citizens who do not comply with their visa conditions, or who may pose a risk to the health and safety of the Australian community, can expect to have their visas considered for cancellation.
- Further information regarding the character requirements is available at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character>

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: S. 47F(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 2 July 2025 8:28 PM
To: Home Affairs Media ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)}@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: S. 47F(1) inquiry: Kanye West visa

Good evening,

I write from S. 47F(1). Are you able to confirm the remarks made by Minister Tony Burke this afternoon that Kanye West's visa has been revoked? Do you have any other comments to add?

Many thanks,
S. 47F(1)

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Subject: FOR NOTING | Pre-emptive Talking Points- WEST Kanye Omari [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 29 May 2025 1:29:08 PM
Attachments: [20250529 - Pre-emptive media TP's - WEST Kanye Omari.docx](#)

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Hi all,

Please see attached updated TPs for Mr Kanye Omari West to reflect his visa cancellation yesterday.

Updates have been highlighted for your reference

Cheers,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Senior Media Officer | Media and Social Media
 Media and Communication Branch | Executive Coordination Division
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: FOR NOTING: Pre-emptive talking points - Kanye Omari West [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 14 May 2025 3:24:42 PM
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[20250513 - Pre-emptive media TP"s - WEST Kanye Omari.docx](#)

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Good afternoon all,

Please find attached for noting, pre-emptive talking points regarding Kanye West and the lyrics to his most recent song. The song has generated significant media attention and backlash from the Jewish community.

We understand that at this stage there has not been a decision to cancel the client's visa so the talking points are the same as the ones noted in November last year with added with information about the song and the media coverage it has generated.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: FOR VISIBILITY: Transcript - ABC Afternoon Briefing - Minister Tony Burke [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Good afternoon SLT,

Hope you're all well.

Please find attached a transcript of the Patricia Karvelas interview on ABC Afternoon Briefing with Minister Tony Burke.

Topics included Qantas cyber security breach, visa cancellations of Hillel Fuld and Kanye West and preventative detention laws.

Some highlights from interview are below for your visibility.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: ... statement to the ASX. Tony Burke is the Minister for Home Affairs, the Arts and Cyber Security, and he's in the studio with me this afternoon. Tony Burke, welcome.

TONY BURKE: Good afternoon.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Has Qantas advised the government how many customers have been affected and how the hack occurred?

TONY BURKE: Yes, so it's in the order of 6 million customers have been affected. So everybody has received the first email, but those affected will receive the second email from Qantas letting them know the way in which they've been affected.

The sort of information that has been compromised for people does not involve any of their financial information – so credit cards haven't been sourced, passports haven't been sourced. But other personal information, including people's phone numbers and email addresses is now in the hands of these criminal networks.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Is it appropriate for Qantas to pay cyber criminals a ransom?

TONY BURKE: The government always advises against paying a ransom because it keeps – it keeps these characters in business. We also, last year, made it a legal obligation that if someone ever were to pay a ransom, they must advise the Australian government, and if they don't do that, then it's an offence. And we did that to make sure we can find out the extent to which people might be paying ransoms, because that gives us a sense of the extent to which we know that our advice is being followed or ignored.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: The identity of the attacker is not yet known, but this group, called Scattered Spider ransomware group, have been targeting airlines, retail stores, I think, in the US and the UK. Have you confirmed that it's them?

TONY BURKE: Look, I'll wait for the agencies. I mean, I've been briefed, but I allow the agencies to make those sorts of announcements rather than them coming from me. The reality is that with these networks, they will go wherever they can find a vulnerability. Now, Australia's major companies, they sit with me at a roundtable, they engage with the government. I know that Qantas have been doing a lot over time to uplift their cyber security. But, you know, any vulnerability is unacceptable. And so, Qantas had been working – I mean, I've spoken to the Acting CEO of Qantas twice today. I've spoken to Lieutenant General Michelle McGuinness, who's the Cyber Security Coordinator. They are fully cooperating with the government agencies, including the Signals Directorate, at the moment. So what's happening now is what you would want to happen.

But there are some ongoing risks for consumers. And there's two things, if I can quickly advise people of. Because emails and phone numbers have been compromised, if anyone gets a cold call from Qantas, hang up. They – if you're going to talk to Qantas on the phone, use the published number and you make the call. If you get an email that is asking you to click through on a link in any way, don't respond to it. The only way to deal with them digitally, work through the Qantas app is the way of doing it.

The nature of the criminals is once they've got the information, they either sell it, or they use it, or they try to ransom it. But the best way they can be more powerful with this information is if people get a phone call and take it seriously. So, people just need to be on guard that whenever you get these cold calls, hang up, call the numbers that you know.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Look, one of the issues here, this is a big company.

TONY BURKE: Yep.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: As you say, they've been doing lots of updates. Sure. But they're exposed via a third party. And there's a trend here – it's the third party. Do we need to be rethinking the use of these third parties?

TONY BURKE: Look, my view – and I've said this to Qantas, I've said this to all the businesses – outsourcing, **you can't outsource your cyber security obligations**. Your obligations to your customers, the people who work with you, all the data that you hold, the obligation is the same. And so if you choose to outsource in some way – you know, I'm not going to get into the commercial structures that companies choose – but people shouldn't think, no business should think that they are then outsourcing their obligation.

Now, I've got to say in the way Qantas has been engaging with the government, they haven't been acting like they're outsourcing the obligation. But the obligation is probably, you know, some would argue, more complex when you start using more third-party companies. And that's something that needs to be borne in mind.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: And when you say you've been, you know, advising this, in your conversations, have you spoken to Qantas about this vulnerability since this incident?

TONY BURKE: Well, I've spoken to them twice today.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Yeah. And you've spoken to Vanessa Hudson?

TONY BURKE: No, no. Vanessa Hudson is on leave, so it's Steph Tully who's the Acting CEO at the moment. And so I've spoken to her twice. We've worked through the different communication they're giving to people. I've been checking that they've been keeping closely engaged with both the Signals Directorate and the Cyber Security Coordinator, and They have been, and they've been doing – giving access and doing whatever's asked. What -the stage that we're at right now is making sure that a vulnerability was exposed isn't enlarged. And that's --

PATRICIA KARVELAS: And are you confident it's not going to be enlarged, to use that language?

TONY BURKE: Well, part of that is the message that I'm using your program as part of the way to get out to Australian consumers, that when criminal operators like this suddenly have your email address and your phone number, it's not so they can publish a phone book; it's so that they can use it for the next layer of fraud, and people should be alert to that. It doesn't even mean that they'll be pretending that they're Qantas, but sometimes when this vulnerability happens, the call comes saying, "Oh, you might be aware that there's a cybersecurity breach in this company --

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Well, it's when people are at their most vulnerable, too.

TONY BURKE: Exactly.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Yeah.

TONY BURKE: Exactly.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Would you say that this cyber hack is of the proportions of Optus? Is it one of our biggest? You know, is that how we're classifying this?

TONY BURKE: Look, in terms of number of people affected, 6 million is highly significant. In terms of the personal nature of the information, we're still getting through that. So the information that I've said there is not all that's there. So, you know, there'll be things like – that particular database will hold what special meals people have and things like that, which can lead to other information. So there's – we're getting to the bottom of every piece of data that may have been extracted because that adds a layer of concern.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Minister, I want to change the conversation. There's a breaking news story that the Lebanese Australian artist that was essentially cancelled from the Biennale, Khaled Sabsabi, has been reinstated by Creative Australia. Are you aware of this move?

TONY BURKE: Yeah, I received a phone call about 20 minutes ago from Adrian Collette, the CEO of Creative Australia, to let me know that the contract had now been settled and Khaled Sabsabi and, as well, Michael Dagostino as the curator have been recommissioned for the Venice Biennale.

I addressed – so I've read – after – there's a few steps to explain how they got here. My position has always been these are arm's-length decisions. When they made the decision to appoint, I said I supported it. When they made the decision to terminate, I said I'd support that. I addressed the board the day that this report came in, and this was last week. And I said to them, "Whatever you decide, I will back you." But I also said to them, "I will also be very upfront that whichever way you go, the due diligence previously had not been done." Part of arm's-length funding is the minister doesn't make the decision, but if you expect the minister to defend the decision, you need to provide the minister with the information about what's likely to come so that we're able to defend.

Effectively there were two works that were – that should have been in a brief to myself, should have been in a brief to the board as well. They were both about 20 years old, which the review has now worked through, and I read the review this morning. The works are quite explicable, but at first glance, both of them looked quite deeply offensive.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Let me just get you on that, because there are some people who will say they still are offensive.

TONY BURKE: Yeah.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: They will argue that. You know, like I can predict that's happening right now.

TONY BURKE: Yep.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: What's your answer to that critique, that this work is inappropriate and he's not appropriate to represent Australia at the Venice Biennale?

TONY BURKE: Okay, I'd say a few things. First of all, I don't put myself out there as an art critic, but when the criticism that was done at the time said these were not pro-terrorist works, and the artist himself says there is nothing in this that's meant to in any way endorse terrorism, then I don't think politicians can say, "Well, you're wrong and it is." Might I say, if an artist actually was actively promoting terrorism in a work, then I think it's completely reasonable where you draw a line and you say, "Well, government's not going to fund that." But where somebody is doing work which for people who, you know, this might not be – they haven't pursued a career as art critics, they look at it and might have a first reaction, when that's clearly not what the work is about then you can't just say, "Oh, we've cancelled the wrong person." And so the decision to recommission --

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Reinstate. Well, it is a huge decision, and really, the decision itself when he was cancelled rocked the art world. Does it have an ongoing chilling impact, I think, on the arts, because the decision in and of itself really, really collapsed public confidence, particularly in Creative Australia.

TONY BURKE: Yeah, and the – I think Creative Australia – and the report makes this clear – effectively the report has the same view about the due diligence they should have done that I put to the board last week, which is to say that you can't say we'll defend the artists without arming people with the information to be able to defend the artists. And effectively, the big mistake that Creative Australia made was these two works, historic, 20 years old, you know, one of them when he was still at university, when Khaled was still studying, and works that had been – the other one had been public at a gallery in Sydney for years, never controversial, they still should have seen, okay, if people criticise this and say, "Hang on, what's going on," what is the response? Instead, we find out all that information weeks and months later.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Do you have confidence in the Creative Australia board?

TONY BURKE: Yeah, I do.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Still?

TONY BURKE: Yeah, I do.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Even after this reversal, which really was humiliating for him publicly as well?

TONY BURKE: Yeah.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: The trauma on the artist himself, and now he's going again, it seems quite remarkable.

TONY BURKE: Yeah, my view with all of this – because some people said, “Oh, why don't you sack the board?” I think the moment you say they make a decision I may or may not like I'm going to get rid of them, at that moment, you have given up on arm's-length funding. At that moment, you have put the elected politicians in charge of the decisions about what art gets backed and what doesn't. There are some countries of the world that do that. They're not the sort of countries we like to compare ourselves with.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Are you surprised he wants to still represent Australia?

TONY BURKE: I've – I remember from the reaction – and I've seen some of his social media – he's made clear the whole time that he still wanted to do this work. I was Arts Minister back in 2013 when we had the funding and Simon Mordant, a philanthropist, had really led it to build this beautiful pavilion that Australia has in Venice for the Biennale. There was controversy two years ago, and I was being encouraged by some people to cancel the artist because of his social media posts. Now, that was Archie Moore. He ended up winning best art work in the world.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: He certainly did.

TONY BURKE: The Golden Lion. And Australians then, all the culture wars suddenly disappeared and people were really proud --

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Do you expect a culture war on this now?

TONY BURKE: I work on the basis that that will still come. But I also work on the basis that the Creative Australia board have done what a lot of boards often don't want to do, which is they get a report that says, “You've made these mistakes, this is how you should consider it.” They then reconsider it, work out a pathway forward, and, you know, the trajectory that we're on now is much better.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Minister, I've got a few other questions. The U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Mike Huckabee, has personally appealed to you to overturn a visa cancellation of an Israeli-American tech advocate. His name is Hillel Fuld. Have you responded?

TONY BURKE: Can I say, I saw the media about that email? We searched the email

accounts – we never actually got it.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Right.

TONY BURKE: But that's – so, I don't know what happened there. But in terms of the principle of that email – of that visa, we have a problem in Australia with anti-semitism. We have a problem in Australia with Islamophobia. We have a problem with a range of forms of bigotry. The particular applicant you refer to has publicly put in writing that Islamophobia is rational. Now, if someone argued that anti-semitism was rational, I would not let them come here on a speaking tour. And if someone has the same view of Islamophobia, I don't want them here when the purpose of the visa is to give public speeches. So I draw a – and the law draws a stricter line when you think of what the purpose of the visa is.

So most of the visas that have been cancelled under this section have been where someone was seeking to make a public speech, public advocacy. There would only be one – the only one that I can think of where it wasn't for public advocacy, the visa, but we cancelled anyway, and that would be Kanye West.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Right. Kanye West.

TONY BURKE: Yes. So he's been coming to Australia for a long time. He's been making – he's got family here. And in his – he's made a lot of offensive comments. But my officials looked at it again once he released the Heil Hitler song, and he no longer has a valid visa in Australia.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: So that's it? Kanye West, not allowed to come to Australia?

TONY BURKE: Well, he had a valid visa. He no longer has a valid visa.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Okay, so no concerts for him?

TONY BURKE: Well, it wasn't a visa even for the purpose of the concerts; it was a lower level. And the officials still looked at the law and said, "If you're going to have a song and promote that sort of Nazism, we don't need that in Australia."

PATRICIA KARVELAS: I don't think that's been out there has it? Have we known about Kanye West being cancelled?

TONY BURKE: I've had – there's been – I don't think it has. There's been very few --

PATRICIA KARVELAS: I mean, I feel like this is the first time I've heard that Kanye West has a bar on him, unless I – and I'm quite across the news. It seems extraordinary. He's pretty popular. You think that that's sustainable?

TONY BURKE: I think that what's not sustainable is to import hatred. Like, you know, some people say, "Oh, don't you believe in freedom of speech?" And for Australian citizens, yeah, you've got full freedom of speech. But we have enough problems in this country already without deliberately importing bigotry. And so, there are some visas where people have Islamophobia, and I say no to them --

PATRICIA KARVELAS: So just to confirm if he wanted to do a tour here, there's no actual --

TONY BURKE: Well, every visa application gets re-assessed by my officials each time, so I'm not taking away the way the act operates.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Yeah, but your view --

TONY BURKE: But even for the lowest level of visa, when my officials looked at it, they cancelled that following the announcement of that song.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: That's an extraordinary story. Just two quick ones if we can, your -- the Shadow Immigration Minister, Paul Scarr, has said that you should change the law on prevention, preventative detention laws, because you admitted they're not working. Are you prepared to change the laws?

TONY BURKE: I don't think Paul Scarr, when he said that, understands at all what the problem is. The legal threshold is because of the Constitution. You can't pass a law that evades the Constitution. The High Court made a decision that we argued against. We didn't want that Chapter 3 principle of the Australian Constitution to make it so difficult for people who've had their visas cancelled to be put into detention. And that's why I've kept trying to get people over that threshold. I haven't given up, I'm still trying to get people to reach that threshold for preventative detention. I've got officials working on it. But it's a while now, and we haven't got anyone close. But last year, I changed the law so that we would have another option to be able to have some people just deported altogether. Effectively, if you don't have a visa in Australia any more, you don't have the right to remain here. And if detention is not going to be the possibility, then deportation should be.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Minister, just finally, the childcare legislation for this emergency we're seeing in particularly Melbourne has been put forward by your shadow -- your counterpart Minister, Jason Clare, who's working on it. Just to be clear, is that now going to be the first order of business when parliament comes back?

TONY BURKE: I don't know how long it will take to draft. So, the drafting of that, I'm not sure when it will be introduced. It all depends on when it's ready for that legislation. In the current order of business that we've got, we made a commitment that the first thing that we'd introduce -- and that doesn't, you know, determine how quickly they're fully gone

through – but the first one that we'd introduce would be the reduction in HECS debts, the 20 per cent --

PATRICIA KARVELAS: But this is now a pretty significant --

TONY BURKE: Yeah, but if it's not ready to even introduce, it's not ready. And the order of introduction doesn't necessarily match the order of getting something across to the Senate and making it law.

PATRICIA KARVELAS: Okay. Minister, thank you so much for joining us.

TONY BURKE: Great to be here.

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Thanks

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Date: Thursday, 29 May 2025 11:51:44 AM
Attachments: [20250528 - Pre-emptive media TP"s - WEST Kanye Omari.docx](#)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)

Attached are new TPs for Mr Kanye Omari West who has had his visa cancelled yesterday.

The attached only amends the talking points in the on background/not to be released section. Given the decision was the Minister's I will not send these up for noting unless you instruct otherwise.

I will file these so we have them to hand should there be any comments from Mr West on social media given it appears that he has reconciled with his wife who is an Australian national.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(i)

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Subject: Update - Pre-emptive TPs re Mr Kanye Omari WEST - visa cancellation [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Media colleagues,

Please find attached some updated pre-emptive TPs regarding the cancellation of Mr West's visa.

Update is highlighted in yellow for your reference.

Yours sincerely,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

A/g Assistant Secretary

Character & Cancellations Branch, Character Cancellations and Case Resolution Division

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Kanye West TPs

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Could you please update the TP with the privacy line? Then cleared and good to go to the MO once template updated.

Could you also flag the below highlighted text in your email to MO and that we understand the office is having discussions with the Dept around potential cancellation.

Thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

For your clearance.

Character and cancellation feel that we might get press on Kanye West given his new song is glorifying Hitler - C&C have provided the lyrics which are attached. The song has been out for two days and has had some media coverage (they've included it in the TPs).

At this stage there has not been a decision to cancel the client's visa so the TPs are the same as the version from November but with an update on the release of the song and the media generated from it.

The discussion of cancellation is being had with the MO and Jodi will keep us in the loop should that decision be made.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)

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Hi all,

Please see attached updated TPs for Mr Kanye Omari West to reflect his visa cancellation yesterday.

Updates have been highlighted for your reference

Cheers,
 VG

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Hi Jodi,

For you awareness, the MO has cleared the TP's with one minor change. I've attached the document for your reference.

Thank you for clarifying around the consideration of cancellation as this will likely generate some media.

Kind regards,

[s. 22\(1\)\(a\)](#)

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Hi [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

We are still discussing approach with the MO, these are being provided in advance of media enquiries. If we proceed with cancellation consideration, we will update you.

Thanks, Jodi

Assistant Secretary
Character and Cancellation Branch
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Good afternoon s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Please find attached a full transcript of the appearance and a link to the appearance below for you.

[ABC Afternoon Briefing](#)

Kind regards,

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Good afternoon Media section

The General Cancellation Network along with Controversial Visitors Unit and our s. 42(1) are progressing an item to the Minister's Office which received media attention yesterday 02 July

2025 on ABC Afternoon Briefing and this morning 03 July 2025 on ABC News Breakfast.

The matter relates to statements reportedly made by the Minister in relation to the cancellation of Mr Kanye WEST's subclass s. 47F(1). The Minister was reported to have made a range of comments on the cancellation, including but not limited to, the nature of Mr KANYE's visit to Australia and previous immigration history.

We are seeking urgent s. 42(1) to include in a submission to the MO with a proposed deadline of COB today.

Our s. 42(1) have requested assistance with any transcripts (or possibly the full media segment would also be helpful) of the media reports so a thorough assessment of any statements could be made prior to providing the requested s. 42(1).

Would your team be able to please assist with location and/or provision of any such material?

Grateful for any assistance that could be provided. Also available by phone or Teams if you need to discuss further.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director

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Good afternoon s. 47F(1),

Please find below a response to your enquiry.

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Attributable to a Departmental spokesperson:

- The Department does not comment on individual cases.
 - All non-citizens who wish to travel to, enter or remain in Australia must satisfy the requirements of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) and the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations), including identity, health, character and security requirements.
 - The Australian Government is committed to protecting the Australian community from the risk of harm posed by non-citizens who engage in criminal conduct or behaviour of concern.
 - The Australian Government will continue to act decisively to protect the community from the risk of harm posed by individuals who choose to engage in criminal activity or behaviour of concern, including visa cancellation or refusal where appropriate.
 - Non-citizens who do not comply with their visa conditions, or who may pose a risk to the health and safety of the Australian community, can expect to have their visas considered for cancellation.
 - Further information regarding the character requirements is available at:
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character>
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Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director, Media and Social Media

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Subject: s. 47F(1) media request

Good afternoon,

Sorry to reach out so late in the day - I just wanted to run these comments past the department.

On the ABC this afternoon, Tony Burke mentioned that Kanye West's visa was cancelled due to concerns over anti-semitic comments - could I confirm this is correct?

Warmest regards,

s. 47F(1)

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