

KENNA Allison

From: FOI
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2019 3:13 PM
To: FOI; Wotton, Katrina (C. King, MP)
Subject: RE: Acknowledgment - FOI 20-050 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: FOI 20-050 Document Pack redacted - FINAL.pdf; 20-050 - Signed decision letter.pdf

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Dear Katrina

I refer to your email below requesting access to documents under FOI. This matter has now been finalised.

Please see attached the FOI access decision letter and associated documents.

Regards

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From: FOI <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 21 November 2019 4:05 PM
To: Wotton, Katrina (C. King, MP) <Katrina.Wotton@aph.gov.au>; FOI <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: Acknowledgment - FOI 20-050 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Katrina

Thank you for your email below received on 15 August 2019, requesting access to documents in the possession of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development (the department) in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the FOI Act), specifically you sought access to documents related to a recent Senate Order for the production of documents.

I confirm receipt of your request and note the department may be in contact with you to discuss your request - if clarification is required, where we may be able to process your request outside of the FOI Act or for any other reason.

Otherwise you will be notified of any charges payable in relation to your request or of a decision regarding your FOI request as soon as this has been determined. In accordance with subparagraph 15(5)(b) you can expect to hear from the department regarding this matter within 30 days.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the processing of your request. I can be reached by telephone on (02) 6274 7393 or by email at FOI@infrastructure.gov.au.

To assist the department in responding to your future communication on these requests, please quote the FOI tracking number located in the subject line (**FOI 20-050**).

Kind regards

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From: Wotton, Katrina (C. King, MP) <Katrina.Wotton@aph.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 15 November 2019 3:03 PM
To: FOI <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: FOI request

FOI Officer
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Cities

By email: foi@infrastructure.gov.au

Dear FOI Officer

I request the following documents pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act):

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I expect that as soon as practicable, and no later than 30 days after receiving this request, I will be notified of a decision.

Documents should be provided to Katrina Wotton of my office via email: Katrina.wotton@aph.gov.au. Ms Wotton may be contacted on telephone on 02 6277 2203.

Yours sincerely

Catherine King

Katrina Wotton

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Federal Member for Ballarat

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From: FOI
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2019 2:22 PM
To: WOOD Richard
Cc: FOI; WIELAND Donna
Subject: FW: FOI Consultation - FOI 20-050 [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi Richard

Please see email from [REDACTED] below that Damian was copied into. [REDACTED] indicated verbally to the FOI team that he had spoken with Damian who was across the matter and comfortable with the release of the documents.

Thanks
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]@infrastructure.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 3 December 2019 3:22 PM
To: [REDACTED] OI <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>
Cc: CALLACHOR Damian <Damian.Callachor@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FOI Consultation - FOI 20-050 [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks [REDACTED]

Confirming I am comfortable with the documents captured in this request, noting that personal details of staff (our office and external) being redacted would be the preference from a privacy perspective.

If there are additional information protections the Department deems necessary, this would be supported as well.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]@infrastructure.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 3 December 2019 3:04 PM
To: FOI <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>; [REDACTED]@infrastructure.gov.au
Cc: CALLACHOR Damian <Damian.Callachor@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FOI Consultation - FOI 20-050 [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

As per our telephone discussion this morning, could you kindly provide your comments regarding the treatment of the documents by close of business today?

As advised, the consultation process is a formal process and the department does require your response in writing.

The decision-maker (SES) will request to see the advice from the DPMO regarding the relevant documents as this will inform their final decision on matters relevant to the request.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

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From: FOI

Sent: Monday, 25 November 2019 3:21 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@infrastructure.gov.au)>

Cc: FOI <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>; CALLACHOR Damian <Damian.Callachor@infrastructure.gov.au>

Subject: FOI Consultation - FOI 20-050 [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Courtesy FOI Consultation - FOI 20-050 – Senate Order Correspondence

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development (the department) has received a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (the FOI Act) for access to documents.

The department has identified the attached documents as falling within the scope of the FOI request which contain information relevant to the DPMO.

As these documents may affect you, we are seeking your views on whether the documents should be released under the FOI Act. Could you kindly provide a response by **2 December 2019**.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

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KENNA Allison

From: HALLAM Diana
Sent: Wednesday, 4 December 2019 1:46 PM
To: FOI
Cc: WIELAND Donna; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOR COMMENT: LPP: FOI matters for RDLG Division [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

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Hi Allison

I have reviewed. Please exempt in full.

Thanks

Diana

Diana Hallam
Executive Director
Regional Development and Local Government Division
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development

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From: FOI <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 4 December 2019 1:31 PM
To: HALLAM Diana <Diana.Hallam@infrastructure.gov.au>; FOI <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>
Cc: WIELAND Donna <Donna.Wieland@infrastructure.gov.au>; [REDACTED]

Subject: FOR COMMENT: LPP: FOI matters for RDLG Division [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Hi Diana

Thanks for your email below. When putting together the package of documents for you to consider, we have realised that two emails ([attached](#)) are actually from our legal area and classified Legal Privilege.

Generally in FOI matters we exempt any correspondence from the legal team under LPP (s42). We do not generally waive privilege in FOI matters but the ultimate decision on these documents is yours as the delegate.

Grateful for your advice on whether you would like to exempt the emails in full or leave them in?

Happy to discuss if you prefer.

Thank you
Allison
x. 7393

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From: HALLAM Diana <Diana.Hallam@infrastructure.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 3 December 2019 5:25 PM
To: FOI <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>
Cc: WIELAND Donna <Donna.Wieland@infrastructure.gov.au>

Subject: Re: FOR COMMENT: FOI matters for RDLG Division [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Allison

Thanks. Happy to proceed on that basis.

Kind rgds

Diana

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From: "FOI" <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>
Date: Tuesday, 3 December 2019 at 3:03:51 pm
To: "HALLAM Diana" <Diana.Hallam@infrastructure.gov.au>
Cc: "WIELAND Donna" <Donna.Wieland@infrastructure.gov.au>,

"FOI" <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>

Subject: FOR COMMENT: FOI matters for RDLG Division [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Di

I have liaised with Donna and [REDACTED] about the current FOI matters in their branch. Below is a summary of the three (3) FOI matters on hand and proposed handling strategies for your consideration and comment.

[REDACTED]

20-050 – Catherine King MP – Correspondence regarding the Senate Order response

This matter is due on 15 December 2019.

Donna provided the FOI team with a number of emails relevant to the request. Consultation requests were sent to the DPMO (Damian and [REDACTED]) and Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) about email correspondence.

- PM&C have no concerns with the documents; and
- [REDACTED] verbally indicated to the FOI team that there was no concerns with the emails and that he had “spoken internally in the DPMO” about them.

Next Steps:

Donna advised that this is likely to be a full release decision, with non SES names redacted?

Grateful if you can confirm you are happy with this approach. If so the FOI team will prepare a package for you to consider and sign.

Happy to discuss,
Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 27 November 2019 1:57 PM
To: FOI
Cc: FOI
Subject: RE: C19/184 - Request for Consultation: FOI 20-050 Senate Order Correspondence [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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H [REDACTED]

Thank you for confirming.

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

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From: FOI <FOI@pmc.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 November 2019 10:47 AM
[REDACTED]
Cc: FOI <FOI@pmc.gov.au>; FOI <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: RE: C19/184 - Request for Consultation: FOI 20-050 Senate Order Correspondence [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

Our reference: C19/184

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for consulting the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet – our reference number C19/184.

We have no concerns with the possible release of the documents.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
FOI and Privacy Section | Legal Policy Branch
Government Division | Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
[REDACTED]

I work part-time: Mon, Tues & Wed



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 2:58 PM
To: FOI <FOI@pmc.gov.au>
Cc: FOI <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: Request for Consultation: FOI 20-050 Senate Order Correspondence [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi FOI Team,

Request for consultation - FOI 20-050 – Senate Order Correspondence

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development (the department) has received a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (the FOI Act). The applicant has requested access to:

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My request covers the period from Monday 11 November 2019 until Friday 15 November 2019.

The department has identified the attached documents as falling within the scope of the FOI request. Could you kindly provide comment.

Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding this matter.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]
Assistant Director | Governance Section
Governance, Parliamentary and Integrity Branch | Corporate Services
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 20 November 2019 10:14 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOR ACTION - New FOI Request - FOI 20-050 - Catherine King - Documents regarding the Senate Order for documents (RJIP) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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FYI and file please.

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From: FOI
Sent: Monday, 18 November 2019 12:53 PM
To: HALLAM Diana
Cc: BACON Rachel ; POTTER Justine ; [REDACTED] ; WIELAND Donna ; [REDACTED] FOI
Subject: FOR ACTION - New FOI Request - FOI 20-050 - Catherine King - Documents regarding the Senate Order for documents (RJIP) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Di

New FOI Request – FOI 20-050 – Catherine King – Documents regarding the Senate order for Documents (RJIP)

A new FOI request has been received from Katrina Wotton on behalf of Catherine King MP.

The request seeks access to:

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The request covers the time period Monday 11 November 2019 until Friday 15 November 2019.

The request as received is below. Grateful if you would agree to being the decision maker for this request.

The first step in processing this request is for you to nominate your divisional action officer and notify the FOI team of this as soon as possible. The FOI team will then make contact with the action officer to discuss next steps including if the request in its current form is manageable.

Please do not hesitate to call me on extension 7393 if you have any questions. The current due date for the request is 15 December 2019.

Regards

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Sent: Friday, 15 November 2019 3:03 PM
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Yours sincerely

Catherine King

Katrina Wotton

Chief of Staff

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