



OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL SECRETARY  
TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Dear Mr Megalfar

I am writing in response to your email of 17 March 2015 to the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General in which you sought an internal review of your earlier request for:

*(the) Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General's handling of my FOI request 'Metadata information, copyright and all related FOI requests'.*

*Considering that George Brandis, and ASIO/AFP and everyone else demanding that the public give their unlimited metadata without warrants, it's perfectly reasonable to put their money wear their mouth is (i.e. put up or shut up).*

*So far the request officer, has told me to shut up.*

*Brandis also claimed that anyone can look at his metadata, that is what I am also requesting, as a public official elected by the voters of this country.*

*Putting your stupid "There is nothing to see, so bugger off we are putting you under Section X for discloses" (Yes i know how do deal with stupid public departments using stupid laws so they don't give private information out (but when it comes to making laws, that allow public's private information, it's all ok for you guys).*

*I demand a full investigation by the Office Secretary to the Governor-General and all related Departments (as I noted previously) as to why the information is blocked one way, but government MPs demand public private information for no reason via metadata and other piracy related laws.*

*A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address: [https://www.righttoknow.org.au/request/metadata\\_information\\_copyright\\_a](https://www.righttoknow.org.au/request/metadata_information_copyright_a)*

As the reviewing officer for this agency, I have undertaken such a review, and this letter sets out my decision on your request.

In your original request you sought information in regard to information, costs, contacts, emails, regarding metadata policy, including any refused applications, hidden information, emails from corporates vested interests to the Attorney General and his office, including staff. You also requested similar information from the offices of the Liberal Party, companies that would benefit from the possession of meta data, the AFP/ASIO, NSA, and others.

*Explanation of review*

I confirm Mr Murtagh's decision of 17 March 2015, and reiterate that that no such documents are held by the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, so accordingly I refuse your request under Section 24A of this Act.

I repeat Mr Murtagh's suggestion that this request may have been intended for the Attorney-General's Department and not the Governor-General, to whom these matters do not relate.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Fraser". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Mark Fraser**

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

10 April 2015

## **ATTACHMENT A—INFORMATION ON RIGHTS OF REVIEW**

### **1. APPLICATION FOR INTERNAL REVIEW OF DECISION**

Section 54 of the Freedom of Information Act (the Act) gives you the right to apply for an internal review of the decision refusing to grant access to documents in accordance with your request.

Application for a review of the decision must be made in writing within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

No particular form is required but it would assist the decision-maker if you could set out in the application the grounds on which you consider that the decision should be reviewed. Application for review of the decision should be addressed to:

The Official Secretary to the Governor-General  
Government House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

**OR**

### **2. APPLICATION TO AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION COMMISSIONER (INFORMATION COMMISSIONER) FOR REVIEW OF DECISION**

Section 54L of the Act gives you the right to seek a review of the decision from the Information Commissioner. An application for review must be made within 60 days of receiving the decision.

Applications for review must be in writing and:

- give details of how notices must be sent to you; and
- include a copy of the notice of decision.

You should send your application for review to:

The Information Commissioner  
GPO Box 2999  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Or by email to: [enquiries@oaic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au)

**OR**

### **3. COMPLAINTS TO THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

Section 70 of the Act provides that a person may complain to the Information Commissioner about action taken by an agency in the exercise of powers or the performance of functions under the Act.

A complaint to the Information Commissioner must be in writing and identify the agency the complaint is about. It should be directed to the following address:

The Information Commissioner  
GPO Box 2999  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

The Information Commissioner may decline to investigate the complaint in a number of circumstances, including that you did not exercise your right to ask the agency, the Information Commissioner, a court or tribunal to review the decision.