

Ref: LEX-30296

SF Right to Know

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Dear SF

# Your Freedom of Information request - third party consultation

I refer to your request received by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (**department**) on 26 September 2023 for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (**FOI Act**) to the following documents:

'I request the scope of work and required deliverables for the below contract. All amendments, informal requests and instructions/advice are included in this request, noting I am not requesting the deliverables themselves but just what they are or the directions given to the supplier.

CN ID: CN4004664 Agency: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Publish Date:21-Sep-2023 Category: Management advisory services Contract Period: 25-Sep-2023 to 31-Oct-2023 Contract Value (AUD):\$52,272.00 Supplier Name:1 AND ONE PTY LTD'

## Third party consultation - documents affecting personal privacy

Your request covers documents which contain another individual's personal information. As such, the department is required to consult with that individual under section 27A of the FOI Act before making a decision on the release of those documents.

The consultation mechanism under section under section 27A applies when the department considers the individual or their representative may wish to contend that the requested documents are exempt for reasons of personal privacy. The department will take into account any comments we receive from the individual. However, the final decision about whether to grant you access to the documents you requested rests with this department.

## Third party consultation - business documents

Your request also covers documents which contain information concerning the business, commercial or financial affairs of an organisation, or a person's business or professional affairs. As such, the department is required to consult with the person or organisation concerned under section 27 of the FOI Act before making a decision on the release of those documents.

The consultation mechanism under section 27 applies when the department considers the person or organisation concerned may wish to contend that the requested documents are exempt because their release would disclose trade secrets or commercially valuable information or may adversely affect their business or financial affairs. The department will take into account

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**agriculture.gov.au** ABN 34 190 894 983 any comments we receive from the person or organisation. However, the final decision on whether to grant you access to the documents requested rests with this department.

#### Time limits for processing your request

Under section 15(6) of the FOI Act, the period for processing your request has been extended by 30 days in order to allow the department time to consult with the relevant third parties. Accordingly, you can now expect a decision from us by 27 November 2023.

#### **Further assistance**

If you have any questions, please email <u>foi@aff.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry 11 October 2023