



Australian Government
Department of Health

Department Reference: FOI 291-1415

Mr Martin Hardie

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Dear Mr Hardie

NOTICE OF DECISION

I refer to your request to the Department of Health (Department) of 5 June 2015 seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to:

'all documents including correspondence, briefings file notes and telephone records of communications relating to the meeting (including planning and follow up) held on June 4 2013 between Mr Richard Eccles and the AFL including Mr Gillon McLachlan and Mr David Evans, then President of the Essendon Football Club.'

I am writing to advise you of my decision.

Decision

All reasonable steps have been taken to find any documents relevant to your request including a thorough and extensive search and consultation with the relevant policy and program areas.

I am satisfied that the documents referred to in your request do not exist.

As a consequence, I refuse access to the documents referred to in your request pursuant to section 24A of the FOI Act.

Review rights

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for an internal review or Australian Information Commissioner (Information Commissioner) review of the decision.

Internal review

Under section 54 of the FOI Act, you may apply in writing to the Department for an internal review of my decision. The internal review application must be made within 30 days of the

date of this notice (or such further period as the Department allows). Where possible please provide reasons why you consider review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by another officer of this Department within 30 days. An application for an internal review should be addressed to:

Email: FOI@health.gov.au

Mail: FOI Coordinator (MDP 350)
Department of Health
GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Information Commissioner review

Under section 54L of the FOI Act, you may apply to the Information Commissioner to review my decision. An application for review must be made in writing 60 days of this notice (if you do not request an internal review).

The Australian Information Commissioner can be contacted by:

Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au
Phone: 1300 363 992

More about the Information Commissioner review is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) website at <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/requesting-a-review>

You may also make a complaint to the Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department in relation to your application. Further information can be obtained from the OAIC website.

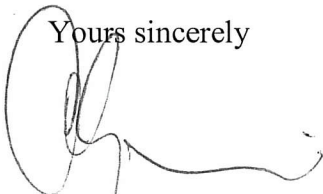
Relevant provisions

The FOI Act, including provisions relevant to your request can be accessed from the ComLaw website at the following: <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562>

Contacts

If you require clarification of any of the matters discussed in this letter you should contact the Department's FOI Unit on (02) 6289 1666 or via email FOI@health.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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