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Dear Mr Heffernan

FOI REQUEST – REFERENCE NUMBER 2015-027

I refer to your email of 17 June 2015 in which you sought access to the following under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act):

“...any internal documents from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation in relation to the procedures and policies in place for employees when reporting on climate change issue and global warming events.”

I am authorised by the Managing Director under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests made under the Act. Following is my decision in relation to your request.

The issue of reporting on climate change has been the subject of FOI requests in the past—see for instance matter 2013-044 listed in the ABC’s [FOI Disclosure Log](#). You will see from that decision that, based on my enquiries at that time, the *ABC Editorial Policies*, the *ABC Code of Practice*, and associated Guidance Notes were identified as the only documents which fell within the scope of the request. I am satisfied that this remains the case, and that no additional documents exist.

The *ABC Editorial Policies*, the *ABC Code of Practice*, and associated Guidance Notes are all publicly available on the ABC’s website: <http://about.abc.net.au/how-the-abc-is-run/what-guides-us/our-editorial-policies/>.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision you can apply for Internal or Information Commissioner (IC) Review. You do not have to apply for Internal Review before seeking IC Review. Information about your review rights is attached.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'J Maude'.

Judith Maude
Head, Corporate Governance