



**FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA
PRINCIPAL REGISTRY**

LEVEL 17
LAW COURTS BUILDING
QUEENS SQUARE
SYDNEY NSW 2000

12 June 2024

Lex
Right to Know

By email: foi+request-11405-6f2b670a@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Lex,

Request under the Freedom of Information Act

I refer to your email sent to the Federal Court of Australia (Court) on 13 May 2024 requesting access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act). Specifically, you requested the following:

Alison Legge is a Senior National Judicial Registrar in the Federal Court of Australia. She is based in Melbourne.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth), I request access to the vacancy notification, published in the Public Service Gazette, for the Senior National Judicial Registrar vacancy that Alison Legge applied to fill.

Authorised decision-maker

I am authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions on behalf of the Federal Court in relation to requests made under the FOI Act.

Searches undertaken

Searches were undertaken by a senior staff member in the Court's People and Culture team to identify documents falling within the scope of your request, which included searches of the Court's Information Management System. As a result of the searches undertaken, (1) document fell within the scope of your request. I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify any documents falling within the scope of your request. I am not aware of any other steps, other than those already outlined, that could reasonably have been taken to assist in locating a document within the terms of your request.

Decision

I have decided to grant you access in full to the document requested.

I have taken the following into account in making my decision:

- the terms of your request;
- the relevant provisions of the FOI Act and the case law considering those provisions;
- the *Freedom of Information (Charges) Regulations 2019*; and
- the FOI Guidelines issued by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

Access Format

Given your FOI request was made by email, I assume that you would prefer access to the document requested in the form of an electronic copy being emailed to you. I have therefore decided to grant you access to that document in PDF format and release the document to you by email. The document is entitled “*Vacancy Notification*” and accompanies this letter.

Charges

You have not been charged for the processing of your request.

Your Review Rights

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for internal review or to the Information Commissioner for review of those decisions. I encourage you to seek internal review as a first step as it may provide a more rapid resolution of your concerns.

Internal review

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

Where possible please attach reasons as to why you believe review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by another officer within 30 days.

Information Commissioner review

Under section 54L of the FOI Act, you may apply to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision. An application for review by the Information Commissioner must be made in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter and be lodged in one of the following ways:

online: [Information Commissioner Review Application form \(business.gov.au\)](https://business.gov.au/foi/review)

email: foi@oaic.gov.au

post: Director of FOI Dispute Resolution, GPO Box 5288, Sydney NSW 2001

More information about the Information Commissioner review is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) website at: <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/freedom-of-information-guidance-for-government-agencies/freedom-of-information-reviews/information-commissioner-review-process>.

Complaints

If you are dissatisfied with the way the Court has handled your FOI request, you may complain to the Information Commissioner in writing. There is no fee for making a complaint. More information about making a complaint is available on the OAIC website, including a link to the online complaints form which the OAIC recommends using for complaints, at: <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/freedom-of-information-guidance-for-government-agencies/foi-guidelines/part-11-investigations-and-complaints>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R Muscat', written over a light blue circular stamp or watermark.

R Muscat
Registrar