



FOI ref: 201516/02

Michael Ward
Boorowa Business Chamber
37 Marsden Street
Boorowa NSW 2586

Dear Mr Ward

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your email of 5 September 2015 in which you sought access to the following information under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) (**Attachment A**):

"The number of 'Fatal Accidents' that occurred over the last 10 years, from 2005 until 2015 on the Lachlan Valley Way (B81) between the Hume (M31) and the township of Boorowa. Similarly, the number of non fatal incidents on the same stretch of road, the Lachlan Valley Way (B81) between the Hume (M31) and the township of Boorowa."

Response to your request

I am an authorised decision maker under section 23 of the FOI Act.

Statistical information collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is obtained under the authority of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*. Under Schedule 2, Part II, Division 2 of the FOI Act, this information cannot be released through a FOI request. As such, no access will be granted.

Regarding the information you seek, I recommend that you contact the ABS' National Information Referral Service (NIRS) on 1300 135 070. NIRS consultants will be able to determine if the ABS collects the information you require and, if the information is collected by the ABS, can advise you on how to access the information. In those cases where the ABS does not collect the data, NIRS consultants may be able to suggest other agencies or departments that you might like to contact.

Charges

There is no charge for this request.

Internal Review of the Decision

Section 54 of the FOI Act gives you the right to apply for an internal review of the decision by the ABS. Additionally you may request a review of this decision by the Information Commissioner. Details of both procedures involved in an application to review a decision are set out at **Attachment B**.

If you have any queries on this matter please contact the ABS FOI Contact Officer, at freedomofinformation@abs.gov.au or on (02) 6252 7203.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine Williams'.

Christine Williams
Program Manager
Governance & Parliamentary Liaison Branch
Australian Bureau of Statistics

7 September 2015

ATTACHMENT A

Dear Australian Bureau of Statistics,

Can you please provide me with the following information;

The number of 'Fatal Accidents' that occurred over the last 10 years, from 2005 until 2015 on the Lachlan Vally Way (B81) between the Hume (M31) and the township of Boorowa.

Similarly, the number of non fatal incidents on the same stretch of road, the Lachlan Vally Way (B81) between the Hume (M31) and the township of Boorowa.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Ward
Boorowa Business Chamber,
37 Marsden Street
Boorowa
New South Wales 2586

02 6385 3000
0408 986 727

Please use this email address for all replies to this request:
foi+request-1209-05c91595@righttoknow.org.au

Is freedomofinformation@abs.gov.au the wrong address for Freedom of Information requests to Australian Bureau of Statistics? If so, please contact us using this form:
https://www.righttoknow.org.au/change_request/new?body=abs

This request has been made by an individual using Right to Know. This message and any reply that you make will be published on the internet. More information on how Right to Know works can be found at:
<https://www.righttoknow.org.au/help/officers>

If you find this service useful as an FOI officer, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's FOI page.

ATTACHMENT B

INFORMATION ON RIGHTS OF REVIEW

1. APPLICATION FOR INTERNAL REVIEW OF DECISION

If you disagree with our decision you have the right to apply for an internal review under section 54 of the FOI Act.

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

No particular form is required but it would assist the decision-maker were you to set out in the application the grounds on which you consider that the decision should be reviewed.

Application for a review of the decision should be addressed to:

ABS FOI Contact Officer
Audit, Policy and Parliamentary Liaison Section
Australian Bureau of Statistics
Locked Bag 10
BELCONNEN ACT 2617

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 must:

- 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
Office of the Information Commissioner
GPO Box 5218
SYDNEY NSW 2001

AND/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
Office of the Information Commissioner
GPO Box 5218
SYDNEY NSW 2001

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.