



**Australian Government**

**Department of Communications and the Arts**

21 October 2015

Mr Jackson Gothe-Snape

By email: [foi+request-1247-eba35c32@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-1247-eba35c32@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Mr Gothe-Snape

**Freedom of Information Request No. 07-1516 – Notice under s.24AB**

I refer to your email of 25 September 2015, received by the Department of Communications and the Arts (the Department) seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)* to:

“documents and emails relating to or discussing the potential privatisation or sale of Australia Post or its subsidiaries created since September 1st, 2013.”

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

I am writing to you pursuant to subsection 24AB(2) of the FOI Act to notify you of my intention to refuse your FOI request on the basis that I am satisfied that a practical refusal reason under subsection 24AA(1) exists. The potential scope of your FOI request means that the work involved in processing the request would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the Department from its other operations.

Before making a decision to refuse your request on the above grounds, I am required to consult with you and provide you with an opportunity to make submissions in support of your request, or to clarify or revise the scope of your request. Any submissions should be sent in writing to the FOI Officer at [foi@communications.gov.au](mailto:foi@communications.gov.au) or to the following address:

FOI Officer  
Department of Communications and the Arts  
GPO Box 2154  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You may consult with the FOI Officer and make submissions within 14 days of the date of this letter, ie by 4 November 2015. Before the end of this period, you must do one of the following in writing:

- withdraw your request;
- make a revised request; or
- indicate that you do not wish to revise your request.

If you decide to make a revised request, I suggest that you could revise it to the following:

“documents and emails (excluding drafts of documents and copies of material already in the public domain such as newspaper clippings) relating to or discussing the potential privatisation or sale of Australia Post or its subsidiaries created since 21 October 2014.”

If you do not contact the Department or do one of the things mentioned above in writing within this period, your FOI request will be taken to have been withdrawn and will not be dealt with any further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trudi Bean". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Trudi Bean  
Deputy-General Counsel  
Office of General Counsel