



12 May 2016

Ms Joan Hird

Via email only: foi+request-1926-12cc1acd@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Hird

Freedom of Information Request No.16-9

I refer to your request for access to documents relating to the ADRV under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)*. I have taken your request to be for:

"... copies of records of ADRV member discussions and meetings between ADRV members and contact of ADRV members with other persons in relation to the decision to place 34 Essendon players on the Register of Findings."

We received your request on Sunday 8 May 2016 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision from us by **Tuesday 7 June 2016**. The period of 30 days may be extended if we need to consult third parties, impose a charge or for other reasons. We will advise you if this happens.

I note that the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (**ASADA**) rather than the Anti-Doping Rule Violation Panel (**ADRV**) is the appropriate prescribed authority for the purposes of the FOI Act. I refer you to section 4(2) of the FOI Act which establishes that an unincorporated body, such as a boards, councils and committees that have been established to assist or perform functions connected with a prescribed authority are deemed to be within that prescribed authority.¹

You will be notified of any charges in relation to your request as soon as possible, before we process any requested documents or impose a final charge.

Please note that information released under the FOI Act may later be published online on our disclosure log subject to certain exceptions. (For example, personal information will not be published where this would be unreasonable).

We will contact you using the email address you provided. Please advise if you would prefer us to use an alternative means of contact. If you have any questions, please contact the following officer:

Patrick Dale

Lawyer

legal@asada.gov.au

¹ See also – *Guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under s93A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982*, at 2.4

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Patrick Dale', written in a cursive style.

Patrick Dale

