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Dear CD

**FOI REQUEST – REFERENCE NUMBER 2016–027**

I refer to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) in your email of 28 September. Specifically, you have sought access to the following documents:

*“Emails, letters and memo created and held by the ABC between 22 July 2016 and 27 September 2016 (inclusive) regarding the participation of Blair Cottrell on Hack Live: Aussie Patriots as broadcast on 22 September 2016.*

Based on the nature and scope of your request, it appears reasonable that we confine our search for documents to the program areas concerned with the production of *Hack Live*. Please let me know if you have any concerns regarding this approach.

I confirm that the 30-day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after your application was received, being 29 September.

Subject to any suspension of the processing period or extension of the time for deciding this application, the ABC is required to make a determination in relation to this application by 28 October. Please note that processing charges may be imposed and that consultation with third parties may be required. If it is necessary to seek agreement to pay charges or to consult with third parties, additional processing time is provided under the FOI Act. You will be advised of any charges as well as any need to consult third parties in relation to your request.

Please note that the ABC is required by the FOI Act to publish decisions and accessed information on its website within 10 working days after the release of the documents to the FOI applicant.

You should also be aware that by making an FOI request, you may be providing personal information to the ABC. The ABC will manage any such information in accordance with the ABC's Privacy Policy. Details of that policy are available on the ABC's website: <http://about.abc.net.au/abc-privacy-policy/>. Please note that personal information (such as your name) may be disclosed in the course of processing this request, for instance for the purposes of consultation or internal reporting.

Your request will be considered and you will be provided with a decision as soon as practicable.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Juliana Walsh', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**Juliana Walsh**  
Corporate Compliance Coordinator