

Our ref: CRM 2017/219

17 November 2016

Ben Fairless  
Right to Know  
Via email: [foi+request-2579-80aa0189@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-2579-80aa0189@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Mr Fairless,

**Freedom of Information request re: FOI delegations**

I refer to your application dated 2 November 2016, under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act) seeking the following:

*Can I please have a copy of the current FOI Delegations, and any related directions issued in respect of FOI.*

Attached at Annexure A to this letter is my decision and statement of reasons for that decision. A "Schedule of Documents" identified as falling into the scope of your request is at Annexure B.

***Information Publication Scheme (IPS)***

As notified to you on 3 November 2016 and in accordance with section 11C of the Act, it has been decided to publish the documents in full in respect of your request. Publication of the documents and any relevant documents will be made on the AFP website at <http://www.afp.gov.au/about-the-afp/information-publication-scheme/routinely-requested-information.aspx> up to ten days after notification of this decision.

Kind regards,



Jacqueline Ellery  
Team Leader  
Freedom of Information  
Australian Federal Police

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS RELATING TO AN FOI REQUEST BY BEN FAIRLESS (RIGHT TO KNOW)**

I, Jacqueline Ellery, Team Leader, Freedom of Information Team, am an officer authorised under section 23 of the Act to make decisions in relation to the Australian Federal Police.

What follows is my decision and reasons for the decision in relation to your application.

### **BACKGROUND**

On 2 November 2016, this office received your application in which you requested:

*Can I please have a copy of the current FOI Delegations, and any related directions issued in respect of FOI.*

### **SEARCHES**

In relation to this request, the following searches for documents have been undertaken:

- a) a search of relevant documents on the AFP's intranet.

### **DECISION**

I have identified two documents relevant to your request. A schedule of the documents and details of my decision in relation to the document is at Annexure B.

I have decided that the documents itemised at Annexure B are released to you in its entirety.

In addition, one document which is relevant to your request, 'AFP National Guideline on Freedom of Information releases', is available online on the AFP's Information Publication Scheme page:

<https://www.afp.gov.au/about-us/information-publication-scheme>

### **WAIVER OF CHARGES**

Further, given that the request has totalled only two pages and was not a complex request to process, I am waiving any further fees and charges which are normally associated with the processing of applications under the Act.

### **EVIDENCE/MATERIAL ON WHICH MY FINDINGS WERE BASED**

In reaching my decision, I have relied on the following documentary evidence:

- ❖ the scope of your application;

- ❖ the contents of the documents listed in the attached schedule;
- ❖ advice from AFP officers with responsibility for matters relating to the documents to which you sought access;
- ❖ *Freedom of Information Act 1982*; and
- ❖ Guidelines issued by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

## AUTHORISATION

I, Andrew Colvin, Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police (the AFP), am the principal officer of the AFP within the meaning of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, and HEREBY AUTHORISE, under section 23(1) of that Act, the following persons holding, directed to act in, or otherwise performing the functions of:

Senior Executive Service Band 3  
Senior Executive Service Band 2  
Senior Executive Service Band 1  
Coordinator, Information Access  
Band 6, 7 or 8, Information Access

to make decisions on behalf of the AFP, in respect of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October



Andrew Colvin  
Commissioner

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## **AUTHORISATION**

I, Andrew Colvin, Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police (the AFP), am the principal officer of the AFP within the meaning of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

For the purposes of an internal review made under the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* I HEREBY AUTHORISE, under section 23(1) of that Act, any person appointed under the Australian Federal Police Act 1979 and remunerated at or above Band 7 to review original decisions made and make new decisions on behalf of the AFP.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October



Andrew Colvin  
Commissioner