



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Agriculture**  
**and Water Resources**

Ref: FOI 2016/17-46

Mr Dan Monceaux

via email: [foi+request-2970-043c38ac@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-2970-043c38ac@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Mr Monceaux

I refer to your request of [insert date], received by the department on [insert date] for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to:

*'an electronic copy (scan) of the "Code of Conduct for the Australian Aquaculture Industry", as referred to on Page 20 of the Aquaculture Action Agenda (linked here):*  
<https://www.righttoknow.org.au/request/2938/response/7990/attach/2/Aquaculture%20Industry%20Action%20Agenda%20National%20Aquaculture%20Development%20Co....pdf>

and

*'copies of any updated or revised editions of the Code published since 1998'.*

### **Decision on access to documents**

I am authorised to make decisions under the FOI Act and my decision is set out below.

The department has taken all reasonable steps to identify and locate any relevant document within the scope of your FOI request and no document has been located. I am satisfied that no document exists within the scope of your request and have therefore decided to refuse your request under s 24A(1) of the FOI Act on the ground that the requested document does not exist within the department.

As the Code is a National Aquaculture Council document, you may wish to contact the Council to ask for a copy of the document.

### **Review rights**

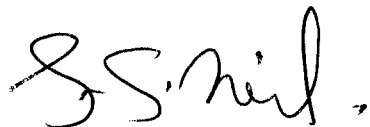
If you wish to seek an internal review, you must apply to the department within **30 days** after the day you are notified of this decision. An application for internal review must be made in writing by post to the FOI Officer or email to [foi@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:foi@agriculture.gov.au).

Alternatively, you may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) to review my decision. An application for review by the Information Commissioner must be made in writing within **60 days** after the day you are notified of this decision. You can also make a complaint to the Information Commissioner if you have concerns about how the department handled your request. You can find information about requesting a review, making a complaint, and other information about FOI on the OAIC website [www.oaic.gov.au](http://www.oaic.gov.au) or phone the OAIC on 1300 363 992.

**Contact details**

Should you wish to discuss any issues arising from this letter, please contact FOI Officer Melissa Nickols on 02 6272 3537 or email [foi@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:foi@agriculture.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Neil'.

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