



**Australian Government**  
**Australian Pesticides and**  
**Veterinary Medicines Authority**

Our reference: LEX 5039

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Adam Presnell

Via email: Adam Presnell at [foi+request-3218-e1629b9e@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-3218-e1629b9e@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Adam

**Freedom of Information Request**  
**Notice of Decision on Access**

**Queensland Health's Forensic and Scientific Services Laboratory Reports on 'GLORICIDE'**

I refer to your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)* received by the APVMA on **10 March 2017**. Your request sought access to the following documents:

*'...a copy of the Queensland Health's Forensic and Scientific Services Laboratory Reports on 'GLORICIDE', both the Original version and Amended versions...[and] the APVMA's response to this report to the Queensland Government and its Agencies, the SCRC, the all Federal Departments and Ministers.'*

2. I am an officer of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of access requests.

**Decision**

3. I have decided to refuse your request in accordance with section 24A of the FOI Act, which provides that an agency can refuse a request for a document if all reasonable steps have been taken to find the document and the agency is satisfied that the document does not exist.
4. I have confirmed with the Forensic and Scientific Services section of the Queensland Department of Health that no studies have been carried out by them on 'Gloricide' during 2012, or indeed at any other time, and that no such report exists. I am therefore satisfied that the APVMA cannot be in possession of a report that does not exist. It follows that the APVMA cannot have created any documents in response to a report that does not exist.

**Review rights**

5. You may seek review of this decision if you are not satisfied with it. If you wish to seek internal review of this decision, you need to expressly request in writing that the APVMA do this. If you wish to seek external review from the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) you need to follow the steps at <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/requesting-a-review>. Please contact the OAIC at [enquiries@oaic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au) or on 1300 363 992 for further information about how to apply for an external review.

6. Please be aware that if you wish to seek review of this decision you have 30 days from receiving this letter to seek internal review from the APVMA, or 60 days to seek external review from the OAIC.
7. If you are concerned about the way your FOI request was handled you may formally lodge a complaint with the Commonwealth Ombudsman (<http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/making-a-complaint>).
8. If you have any questions about this decision or wish to seek internal review of it, please contact the FOI team at [foi@apvma.gov.au](mailto:foi@apvma.gov.au) or on (02) 6210 4794.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Grutt', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul Grutt  
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Legal and Compliance Program