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Mr Dan Monceaux

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Dear Mr Monceaux

# Freedom of Information Request No. 201700043

I refer to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act 1982. I have taken your request to be for access to:

Electronic copies of documentation related to the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Symposium that was held by the ANU's Energy Change Institute in April 2017:

- 1) the event invitation/advertisement that was sent to prospective attendees
- 2) list of all persons who participated in and/or attended the event.
- 3) running sheet, schedule and/or agenda for the symposium
- 4) any other documents (including powerpoint files, hand-outs etc.) that were presented or distributed during the event.

As the Freedom of Information delegate I find that twenty one documents were found pertaining to your request.

I have decided, as an officer authorised under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests:

- 12 documents suitable for full release under
- 4 documents are partially exempt from release under Section 47F
- 5 documents are exempt from release under Section 47F

For your information, I have attached a Schedule of Documents.

Section 47F of the Act provides that:

- (1) A document is conditionally exempt if its disclosure under this Act would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information about any person (including a deceased person).
- (2) In determining whether the disclosure of the document would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information, an agency or Minister must have regard to the following matters:
  - a. the extent to which the information is known:
  - b. whether the person to whom the information relates is known to be (or to have been) associated with the matters dealt with in the document;
  - c. the availability of the information from publicly accessible sources;

d. any other matters that the agency or Minister consider relevant.

Personal Information means information or an opinion (including information forming part of a database), whether true or not, and whether recorded in a material form or not, about an individual whose identity is apparent, or can reasonably be ascertained, from the information or opinion.

I have determined that parts of the documents include personal information of third parties and the information contained in the documents: readily identifies natural persons, the information directly relates to them and the information says something about them. I have also determined that the public release of the information would affect the individuals' personal privacy interests.

In reaching my decision, I considered: the extent to which the information is well known; whether the persons identified in your request are known to be or have been associated with the matters dealt with in the information and whether this information is publically available.

In relation to factors favouring disclosure I believe the following are relevant:

- (a) the general public interest in access to information under the Act
- (b) the general public interest to scrutinise the operations of a government agency.

In relation to the factors against disclosure, I believe the following are relevant:

- (c) the extent to which the information is well known;
- (d) the availability of the information from publicly accessible sources; and
- (e) the likely impact on the individuals if the personal information were to be released; and
- (f) whether the individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy in the information.

I have considered the public interest factors in favour and against disclosure and I find that the factors at (c) to (f) outweigh the factors in favour of disclosure. Considering all the circumstances I find that material contained in the identified documents would be exempt under section 47F of the Act. Therefore I have exempted parts of the documents identifying personal information of individuals and information detailing the personal affairs of individuals.

#### Outstanding charges

We received your deposit of \$60 on 7th December 2017. Upon completion of your request, the actual amount for processing was calculated to be \$95.

Following payment of the outstanding charge of \$35 the University will provide the requested documents to you via email unless you indicate your preference for a different manner of delivery.

PROCESSING CHARGES  Search and retrieval		
Search and retrieval of relevant documents	4 hours	\$60
Preparation of schedule of documents	1 hour	\$15
A. Search and retrieval subtotal	5 hours	\$75

Decision making		
Task	Time	Cost @ \$20/hr
Examination of documents	1 hour	\$20
Preparation of documents for release	2 hours	\$40
Third party consultation	2 hours	\$40
Preparation of notice of access decision	1 hour	\$20
Decision making subtotal (before deduction of 5 hours)	6 hours	\$120
B. Decision making subtotal (after deduction of first 5 hours free)	1 hour	\$20
TOTAL, DEPOSIT AND BALANCE		
TOTAL		\$95
DEPOSIT PAID		\$60
BALANCE		\$35

Payments to The Australian National University can be made by direct deposit to the following bank account:

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Branch: CANBERRA CITY, LONDON CIRCUIT & AINSLIE AVE CIVIC SQUARE, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL

TERRITORY (ACT), AUSTRALIA. 2601

BSB: 082-902

Account Number: 674507553

Account Name: THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY GENERAL ACCOUNT

Reference: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

More information about charges under the FOI Act is available in Fact Sheet 7 on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's website: http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foiresources/freedom-of-information-fact-sheets/foi-fact-sheet-7-freedom-of-information-chargesand the Guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under s 93A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982, Part 4 (Charges for providing access): http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foiresources/freedom-of-information-guides/guide-to-the-freedom-of-information-act-1982.

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If you wish to discuss this decision, please contact me using the details below.

Yours sincerely

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## Your review rights

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for internal review or Information Commissioner review of the decision. We encourage you to seek internal review as a first step as it may provide a more rapid resolution of your concerns

#### Application for Internal Review of Decision

Section 54A of the Act, gives you the right to apply for an internal review of my decision.

It must be made in writing within 30 days of receipt of this letter, no particular form is required but it is desirable to set out in the application the grounds on which you consider the decision should be reviewed.

The application should be addressed to:

Chief Operating Officer Office of the Vice-Chancellor Building 10 The Australian National University Canberra ACT 2601

Or via email: <a href="mailto:chris.grange@anu.edu.au">chris.grange@anu.edu.au</a>

### **Application for Information Commissioner Review of decision**

Under section 54L of the FOI Act, you may apply to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision. An application must be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter, and be lodged in one of the following ways:

online:

https://forms.business.gov.au/aba/oaic/foi-review-/

email:

enquiries@oaic.gov.au

post:

GPO Box 5218, Sydney NSW 2001

in person: Level 3, 175 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000

More information is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner website. Go to www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-reviews.