



Australian Government
Attorney-General's Department

FOI17/199; 17/16538

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Mr Kenneth Stagg
By email: foi+request-4266-0e2c866b@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Stagg

Freedom of Information Request FOI17/199

The purpose of this letter is to give you a decision about access to documents that you requested under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

Summary of your request and my decision

I, C. Seal, Acting Assistant Director, am an officer authorised under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests made to the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department (the department).

On 15 December 2017 you requested access to the following:

I need clarification and valid information on how the COA (COM OF AUS) & crown land have TRUE ownership or "SOVEREIGNTY" over the first inhabitants COMMON LAW SOVEREIGNTY, land, water and air.

A QUESTION AT LAW -

1: when did we the autochthonous sovereign tribes surrender and where are the terms of surrender.

2: when did the autochthonous sovereign tribes consent to the administration of our tribal estates?

These questions or similar have been posed to the Australian government for the least 3 years, so turnbull , Brandis and others have received these questions, an state and territory government bodies still no response.

Under international and domestic contract law the must give full disclosure and have acquiescence through silence.

3: what date did we sign over all our minerals rights and consent to usufruct of our tribal estate's?

All assumptions , presumptions and conjecture aside, let's see if anyone can answer these questions with documented evidence and a signed affidavit to take full commercial liability for their evidence and statements.

The only document that the department holds that falls within the scope of your request is your letter of 3 October 2017 attached to the covering e-mail with this letter. I understand that a written response to your letter was provided by the department's Native Title Unit on 22 December 2017.

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.

Internal review

Under section 54 of the FOI Act, you may apply in writing to the Attorney-General's Department for an internal review of my decision. The internal review application must be made within 30 days of the date of this letter, and be lodged in one of the following ways:

email: foi@ag.gov.au
post: Freedom of Information and Privacy Section
 Strategy and Delivery Division
 Attorney-General's Department,
 3-5 National Circuit
 BARTON, ACT 2600

Where possible please attach reasons why you believe review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by another officer within 30 days.

Information Commissioner review

Under section 54L of the FOI Act, you may apply to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision. An application for review by the Information Commissioner 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-/](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 about Information Commissioner review is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner website. Go to <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-reviews>.

Questions about this decision

If you wish to discuss this decision, please contact the department's FOI team at foi@ag.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



C Seal
A/g Assistant Director

