



Australian Government

Department of Health

Department Reference: FOI 209-1718

Mr Michael Shephard

Via email: foi+request-4372-a191a571@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Shephard,

NOTICE OF DECISION

I refer to your request of 12 February 2018, to the Department of Health (Department) seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to:

"...copy of the input to the Position Statement – the study that examined both sides of the issue...and which concluded that women should not be advised of the density of their breasts."

Clarification of Initial Request

The Department wrote to you on 22 February 2018 to clarify the scope of your request, as well as providing a link to the current BreastScreen Australia's Position Statement .

You responded to the Department on 23 February 2018 advising that you were requesting the assessment and recommendations to the Standing Committee and that your request is still open.

I am writing to advise you of my decision.

Decision

I am authorised under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to Freedom of Information requests. I am writing to notify you of my decision on your request.

I have identified two documents falling within the terms of your request. The documents are set out in the schedule at Attachment A.

I have decided to give access to all documents in their entirety.

Review rights

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for an internal review or Australian Information Commissioner (Information Commissioner) review of the decision.

Internal review

Under section 54 of the FOI Act, you may apply in writing to the Department for an internal review of my decision. The internal review application must be made within 30 days of the date of this notice (or such further period as the Department allows). Where possible please provide reasons why you consider review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by another officer of this Department within 30 days. An application for an internal review should be addressed to:

Email: FOI@health.gov.au

OR

Mail: FOI Unit (MDP 41)
Department of Health
GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Information Commissioner Review

Under section 54L of the FOI Act, you may apply to the Information Commissioner to review my decision. An application for review must be made in writing within 60 days of this notice (if you do not request an internal review).

The Australian Information Commissioner can be contacted by:

Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au
Phone: 1300 363 992

More about the Information Commissioner review is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) website at <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/requesting-a-review>

You may also make a complaint to the Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department in relation to your application. Further information can be obtained from the OAIC website.

Relevant provisions

The FOI Act, including the provisions referred to in this letter, can be accessed from the Federal Register of Legislation website:

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2018C00016>

Publication

You should be aware that where I have decided to release documents to you, the Department may also publish the released material on its Disclosure Log. The Department will however, not publish information (such as personal or business information) where it would be unreasonable to do so.

For your reference the Department's Disclosure Log can be found at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/foi-disc-log-2016-17>

Contacts

If you require clarification of any of the matters discussed in this letter you should contact the FOI Unit on (02) 6298 1666 or via email at FOI@health.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Alice Creelman
Assistant Secretary
Cancer Policy & Services Branch

8 March 2018

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS - FOI 209-1718

ATTACHMENT A

Doc. No.	No. of Pages	Date	Author	Addressee	Description of Document	Decision ¹	Portion Exempt
1	6	N/A	BreastScreen Australia	N/A	Breast Density Position Statement	R	
2	8	N/A	BreastScreen Australia	N/A	Breast Density Position Statement	R	

¹ R= Release