



Australian Government
Civil Aviation Safety Authority

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Michael Galbraith

Via email: Michael Galbraith foi+request-4455-744c0d3c@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Michael,

REQUEST FOR ACCESS UNDER THE *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982*

I refer to your email dated 29 March 2018 seeking access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (the Act). Your request is for documents that are held by CASA in relation to reports of unsafe remotely operated aircraft (drones) made in 2017, specifically:

1. Reports made to CASA of unsafe remotely operated aircraft (drones) made in 2017; and
2. Documents in connection with CASA's response to the reports in point 1.

In a letter to you dated 6 April 2018, I advised you that a practical refusal reason existed in relation to your request as the work involved in processing it would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of this agency from its other operations due to its size and broad scope. Searches relating to your request identified in excess of 5,000 documents comprising in excess of 10,000 pages that would need to be examined for the documents you are seeking, a task that could be expected to take up to 3 weeks, and involve consulting with numerous third parties.

I have not received any further response from you.

Decision

You have not refined your request in such a way as to remove the practical refusal reason.

In accordance with s 24 of the Act, and for the reasons explained in my letter to you of 6 April 2018, I am refusing to give access to the documents in accordance with the request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Gobbitt'.

David Gobbitt
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