



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

**Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982
APPROVAL UNDER SUBSECTION 23**

I, Dr HEATHER SMITH, Secretary of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (the Department) and principal officer within the meaning of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* ('Act'), hereby approve under subsection 23(1) of that Act the officers of the Department from time to time occupying the positions with the titles shown in the Schedule, to exercise the powers and perform the functions under the Act and the *Freedom of Information (Charges) Regulations 1982* as specified in the Schedule.

It replaces the previous arrangements made under subsection 23(1) of the Act authorising the holders of certain positions to make decisions under the Act in respect of a request made to the Department (but excluding IP Australia, the Designs Office, the Patent Office and the Trade Marks Office).

DATED this 9th day of November 2018

Dr HEATHER SMITH

Secretary

SCHEDULE

OFFICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OR GEOSCIENCE AUSTRALIA	Powers/functions
Deputy Secretary/SES Band 3 SES Band 2	(1)
SES Band 1	(2)
Senior FOI Officer FOI Officer Legal Counsel Senior Legal Counsel Principal Legal Counsel	(3)

- (1) All decisions in respect of requests made under the Act, including decisions in relation to applications for internal review.
- (2) All decisions in respect of requests made under the Act, except decisions in relation to applications for internal review.
- (3) Decision to impose a charge (s29), decision to waive or reduce a charge (s29(8)) and decision to refuse to provide documents (s24) in respect of requests made under the Act, except decision to provide access to a document (s23) and internal reviews.