



8 October 2019 LEX 3944

Ms Else Kennedy

By email: foi+request-5542-ebea23ed@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Kennedy,

## Freedom of information request dated 30 July no. LEXD 3944

I refer to your request for access to documents relating to monitoring of Building 164 at Melbourne University's Parkville Campus under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) on 30 July 2019 (**Original Request**). I note that on 12 September 2019 a reduced scope for the Original Request was accepted by the Delegate (**Request**).

The Request was due for response to you by 12 October 2019. However, as your Request covers documents which contain information concerning the business, commercial or financial affairs of an organisation/s, or a persons' business or professional affairs, the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (**ANSTO**) is required to consult with persons or organisations concerned (under section 27 of the FOI Act) before making a decision on the release of those documents.

For this reason the period for processing your request has been extended by 30 days in order to allow our agency time to consult with that person or organisation (section 15(6) of the FOI Act). The processing period for your Request will now end on 11 November 2019.

The consultation mechanism under section 27 of the FOI Act, applies when an agency believes the person/s or organisation/s concerned may wish to contend that the requested documents are exempt because their release would disclose trade secrets or commercially valuable information or may adversely affect their business or financial affairs.

The delegate will take into account any comments ANSTO receives from the person/s or organisation/s but the final decision about whether to grant you access to the documents under the Request, rests with ANSTO's delegate.

Yours sincerely

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