



13 September 2019

Mr Steve Smith

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Dear Mr Smith

**FOI REQUEST - REFERENCE NUMBER 201920-019**

I refer to your email of 30 August 2019 in which you sought access to the following under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act):

*"In relation to Gavin Morris's comments in the article:*

*<https://mediaweek.com.au/morning-report-archive/august-29-2019/#>*

*...all documents including messaging service messages relating to Mr Morris being told to leave the AFP search warrant on 5 July 2019.*

*Secondly...all documents relating to the "extensive training of journalists involved in investigative or research based journalism" as divulged by Mr Morris in the linked article."*

I confirm that the 30-day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after your application was received, being 31 August 2019.

Subject to any suspension of the processing period or extension of the time for deciding this application, the ABC is required to make a determination in relation to this application by 30 September 2019.

Please note that processing charges may be imposed and that consultation with third parties may be required. If it is necessary to seek agreement to pay charges or to consult with third parties, additional processing time is provided under the FOI Act. You will be advised of any charges as well as any need to consult third parties in relation to your request.

Please note that the ABC is required by the FOI Act to publish accessed information on its website within 10 working days after the release of the documents to the FOI applicant.

You should also be aware that by making an FOI request, you may be providing personal information to the ABC. The ABC will manage any such information in accordance with the ABC's Privacy Policy. Details

of that policy are available on the ABC's website: <http://about.abc.net.au/abc-privacy-policy/>. Please note that personal information (such as your name) may be disclosed in the course of processing this request, for instance for the purposes of consultation or internal reporting.

Your request will be considered, and you will be provided with a decision as soon as practicable.

Yours sincerely



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