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QUEENS SQUARE
SYDNEY NSW 2000

1 November 2019

Mr Phillip Sweeney

By email: foi+request-5722-0f64789c@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Sweeney,

Request under Freedom of Information Act

I refer to your email of 17 October 2019 to the Federal Court of Australia in which you have sought access to a document under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act). I also refer to my letter of 22 October 2019 acknowledging receipt of your request and seeking additional information to assist the Court in locating the document. Further, I refer to your emailed response of 22 October 2019.

In your request of 17 October 2019 you seek access to a copy of a letter, dated 23 September 2019, to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics.

Searches conducted following receiving your request revealed a copy of the requested letter was sent, unsolicited, to the Court by **you** on 15 October 2019.

Authorised decision-maker

I am authorised under section 23(2) of the FOI Act to make decisions on behalf of the Federal Court in relation to your request.

Decision

I have decided to grant access in full to the document requested.

In making my decision I have had regard to:

- a. the terms of your request;
- b. the nature and content of the requested document;
- c. the relevant provisions of the FOI Act and case law considering those provisions; and
- d. the FOI Guidelines issued by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

Charges

You have not been charged for the processing of your request

Your Review Rights

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for internal review or to the Information Commissioner for review of those decisions. I encourage you to seek internal review as a first step as it may provide a more rapid resolution of your concerns.

Internal review

Under section 54 of the FOI Act, you may apply in writing to the Federal Court for an internal review of my decision. The internal review application must be made within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Where possible please attach reasons why you believe review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by another officer within 30 days.

Information Commissioner review

Under section 54L of the FOI Act, you may apply to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision. An application for review by the Information Commissioner must be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter and be lodged in one of the following ways:

online: <https://forms.business.gov.au/aba/oaic/foi-review-/>


email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au

post: GPO Box 2999, Canberra ACT 2601

in person: Level 3, 175 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW

More information about the Information Commissioner review is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner website. Go to www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-reviews.

Yours sincerely



Scott Tredwell

Registrar, Principal Registry