



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

Reference: FOI/PMO/2020/021

Steven

By email: [foi+request-6259-f2be1491@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-6259-f2be1491@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Steven

I refer to your request, dated 29 March 2020, made to the Office of the Prime Minister under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (the **FOI Act**) in the following terms:

*I'm requesting a copy of the letter sent to the PM from senator Pauline Hanson dated 25 march 2020.*

*I'm also requesting a copy of the PM's response to senator Hanson's letter.*

*If the PM has not responded as of yet, I would prefer to wait until the PM does respond.*

On 28 April 2020, you were notified that the processing period for your request had been extended by a further 30 days in accordance with section 15(6) of the FOI Act, on the basis that third party consultation would be undertaken.

***Authorised decision-maker***

I am authorised to make a decision in this matter on the Prime Minister's behalf.

***Searches for relevant documents***

Two documents have been identified as within the scope of your request (the **requested documents**).

***Decision***

I have made a decision to grant access to requested documents, with irrelevant material redacted under section 22 of the FOI Act.

The documents released to you are **attached**.

### ***Section 22 of the FOI Act***

Section 22 of the FOI Act provides that exempt or irrelevant information may be deleted from a copy of a document, and access granted to such an amended copy where it is reasonably practicable to do so, unless it is apparent that the applicant would not wish to have access to such a copy.

It is the Office's policy to withhold the following material (where they appear in the documents):

- any person's signature;
- the names and contact details of Australian Public Service officers not in the Senior Executive Service (SES) (if they appear in the document);
- the mobile or direct numbers of SES officers (if they appear in the document);
- the names and contact details of Ministerial staff at a level below Chief of Staff.

In accordance with section 22 of the FOI Act, I have excluded the parts of the requested documents that contain the above details, where relevant.

### ***Publication of Documents***

Under section 11C of the FOI Act, the documents released to you will be published on the Office's FOI Disclosure Log.

### ***Review rights***

Information about your rights of review can be found on the website of the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner at: <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/information-commissioner-review/>.

Yours sincerely



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Senior Adviser

5 June 2020



PRIME MINISTER

Reference: MC20-047917

08 APR 2020

Senator Pauline Hanson  
Senator for Queensland  
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Dear Senator

Thank you for your letter dated 25 March 2020 about suspending all foreign investment applications in Australia.

The Australian Government continues to welcome foreign investment, even in uncertain times. It will continue to play an important role in securing Australian jobs, promoting growth and supporting our economic recovery, as we tackle the impacts of COVID-19.

As of 29 March 2020, the Government introduced temporary measures to ensure that all proposed foreign investments into Australia subject to the *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975* will require approval, regardless of value or the nature of the investor. This will help to safeguard the national interest as COVID-19 puts intense pressure on the Australian economy and businesses.

At the same time, we are taking broader action to keep Australians in jobs and businesses in business. This includes the \$130 billion JobKeeper payment, a historic wage subsidy for around six million workers. This unprecedented measure will give Australian businesses and workers a lifeline to get through this crisis and bounce back on the other side.

I have copied this letter to the Treasurer, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP.

Yours sincerely

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SCOTT MORRISON



**Senator Pauline Hanson**  
One Nation Senator for Queensland

The Hon. Scott Morrison, MP  
Prime Minister of Australia  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

CC: The Hon. Josh Frydenberg

25 March, 2020

Dear Prime Minister

I recognise you are under immense pressure at this moment, however, I must bring to your attention the urgent need to suspend all foreign investment applications in Australia.

Given unemployment numbers are surging, our stock market has been knee-capped, housing prices are set to fall, and our dollar is weakened, I will not allow foreign nations to fight over the carcass of Australia's misfortune.

Since being re-elected to the Parliament, I have raised on numerous occasions the unforgivable volume of FIRB approvals. Their tick and flick practices cannot continue, especially during a recession or worse still, depression in this country.

Australian's will not forgive you if your Government refuses to act on safeguarding this nation from international vultures.

I trust you will give urgent consideration to my request and the vocal sentiment on offer by the Australian public.

Kind regards

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Pauline Hanson  
One Nation Senator for Queensland

