

From: Section 47F  
To: [Royal Commission Records](#)  
Subject: CM: Re: Request Consultation Process (practical refusal) - FOI20/007 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
Date: Tuesday, 28 January 2020 4:09:18 AM  
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Good Morning Betsy

Thank you for your emails.

I would like to revise my FOI request, please provide:

- *a copy of the information that was sent by CEO of the Royal Commission, Mr Phillip Reed to Mr Untahnk/[Saysorry.org](#) on the 15 December 2017*
- *any communication between the Royal Commission and Mr Steven Unthank, Ms Lara Kaput and [saysorry.org](#) in relation to my testimony, private session and Case Study 29, 54 and 57.*
- *any communication between staff members and Mr Steven Unthank, Ms Lara Kaput and [saysorry.org](#) in relation to obtaining special access to information and or documents not otherwise publicly available.*
- *any participation and communication supporting Mr Steven Unthank, Ms Lara Kaput and [saysorry.org](#)'s official or unofficial involvement or consultation or employment for influencing or setting the terms of reference and or contribution to the decision making processes, findings and or reviews of any evidence or provision of any evidence relating to Case Study 29, 54 and 57.*

Thank you.

Kind Regards  
Section 47F



## Section 47F

On 20 Jan 2020, at 3:38 pm, Royal Commission Records <xxxxxxxxx@xx.xxx.xx> wrote:

Dear Section 47F

### **Freedom of information request FOI20/007**

I refer to your request for access to documents relating to communications between the Royal Commission and Mr Steven Unthank. Your request is as follows:

- *a copy of the information that was sent by CEO of the Royal Commission, Mr Phillip Reed to Mr Untahnk/[Saysorry.org](#) on the 15 December 2017*
- *a list of all of the organisations and persons that the above information, including any other information about me was sent to by CEO of the Royal Commission, Mr Phillip Reed or any other employee of the Royal Commission*

I am writing to inform you that we believe that the work involved in processing your request, in its current form, would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of this agency from its other operations due to its broad scope. This is called a 'practical refusal reason' (section 24AA of the FOI Act).

On this basis, we may refuse access to the document you requested. However, before a final decision to do this is made, you have an opportunity to revise your request. This is called a 'request consultation process' as set out under section 24AB of the FOI Act. Part of this request consultation process is that we ask you to consider narrowing the scope of your request. You have **14 days to respond to this notice** in one of the ways set out below.

### ***Why I intend to refuse your request and request consultation process***

We understand that the information you refer to in the first part of your request was part of an initial distribution of Final Report materials. This material is publicly available and you can order it via the following [link](#).

Our supplier for warehousing and distribution has provided us with a document listing all the recipients for the initial distribution of the Royal Commission's Preface and Executive summary DVD pack and letter from the CEO. The document lists 1123 different parties for distribution.

Under section 24AA(2) of the FOI Act, the agency or minister must have regard to the resources that would have to be used for the following processes:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->*identifying, locating or collating the documents within the filing system of the agency or the office of the Minister*

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->*deciding whether to grant, refuse or defer access to a document to which the request relates, or to grant access to an edited copy of such a document (including resources that would have to be used for examining the document or consulting with any person or body in relation to the request)*

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->*making a copy or an edited copy, of the document*

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->*notifying any interim or final decision on the request.*

Conducting third party consultation for each of the 1123 different parties would take an unreasonable amount of time due to the large number of recipients. You now have an opportunity to revise your request to enable it to proceed.

You may wish to narrow your scope so that it does not include third party information and would therefore not require extensive third party consultation. If you revised your request in this way, you would still receive information about the states and territories and post codes where the packs were sent.

Before the end of the consultation period, you must do one of the following, in writing:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->withdraw your request

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->make a revised request

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->tell us that you do not wish to revise your request.

The consultation period runs for 14 days and starts on the day after you receive this notice. **Please provide a response by COB 4 February 2020.**

During this period, you are welcome to seek assistance from the contact person listed below to revise your request. If you revise your request in a way that adequately addresses the practical refusal grounds outlined above, we will recommence processing it. (Please note that the time taken to consult you regarding the scope of your request is not taken into account for the purposes of the 30 day time limit for processing your request.)

If you do not do one of the three things listed above during the consultation period or you do not consult the contact person during this period, your request will be taken to have been withdrawn.

### ***Contact officer***

If you would like to revise your request or have any questions, you can email [xxxxxxxx@xx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxx@xx.xxx.xx) or phone Betsy Bailetti on 02 6141 2668.

Kind regards,

Betsy Bailetti

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