



## Administrative Appeals Tribunal

FOI ref: 2020/0048

17 July 2020

Mr John Smith

Email: [foi+request-6349-23080a19@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-6349-23080a19@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Mr Smith,

### **Consultation following applicant contention that charge be reduced or not imposed (s 29(8))**

I refer to your email of 11 July 2020 in which you explained the reasons for your request for a waiver of charges pursuant to section 29(5)(b) on the grounds of public interest and financial hardship (section 29(5)(a)).

We do not accept your argument that there is a public interest in the documents requested, as the information in the documents is not a matter of currency in the mainstream media.

However, we will give consideration to your contention on financial hardship grounds. In your email of 11 July 2020, you have advised that you can provide further evidence of your financial circumstances, including a low-income health card. Please send any further information that evidences your financial circumstances to [foi@aat.gov.au](mailto:foi@aat.gov.au).

I also confirm that you have agreed to limit the scope of your request to records on the exchange server, where the period of retention for skype and email records has lapsed.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at [foi@aat.gov.au](mailto:foi@aat.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

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Authorised FOI Officer (APS 6)