



Administrative Appeals Tribunal

FOI ref: 2020/0069

30 July 2020

Mr John Smith

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Dear Mr Smith,

Extension of Time for Third Party Consultation - Freedom of Information Request no. 2020/0069

I refer to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)*.

As your request covers documents which contain information concerning the business, commercial or financial affairs of an organisation, or a person's business or professional affairs, the AAT is required to consult with that organisation or person under section 27 of the FOI Act before making a decision about whether to release the documents.

The consultation requirements under section 27 apply when we believe the organisation or person may wish to contend that the documents are exempt because their release would disclose trade secrets or commercially valuable information, or may adversely affect their business or financial affairs. We will take into account any comments the organisation/person makes, but the final decision about whether to grant you access to the documents rests with us.

The period for processing your request has been extended by 30 days under section 15(6) of the FOI Act in order to allow time for us to consult with the organisation/person. The statutory period for making a decision on your request now ends on **31 August 2020**.

If you have any questions, please contact me at foi@aat.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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Authorised FOI Officer (APS 6)