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**From:** Higuchi, Erin  
**Sent:** Thursday, 22 October 2020 4:31 PM  
**To:** contact@righttoknow.org.au  
**Subject:** Please respond: Another request for take down [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**Importance:** High

I am still please urgently looking for someone to contact me about our requests.

Please can someone give me a call on s47F or s47F .

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Thanks  
Erin

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**From:** Higuchi, Erin  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 October 2020 10:43 AM  
**To:** 'contact@righttoknow.org.au'  
**Subject:** RE: Another request for take down [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Importance:** High

Good morning

I haven't received a response to my below request.

Could someone please look into this and give me an update today? I will also be sending through another request shortly.

Thanks  
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**From:** Higuchi, Erin  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 October 2020 9:07 AM

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To: 'contact@righttoknow.org.au' <contact@righttoknow.org.au>

Subject: Another request for take down [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning

I was wondering whether it might be possible to make another request for take down – this time to remove one of our colleague's names (Alan Hilvert-Bruce) from two requests?

The requests are here:

[https://www.righttoknow.org.au/request/record\\_of\\_alleged\\_telephone\\_call](https://www.righttoknow.org.au/request/record_of_alleged_telephone_call)

[https://www.righttoknow.org.au/request/email\\_correspondence\\_between\\_mr](https://www.righttoknow.org.au/request/email_correspondence_between_mr)

We would be happy for you to just replace Alan's name with [an office of the department]. Alan is now being targeted by the group making these requests and being sent some pretty unreasonable emails – sample below:

It gives me no pleasure to remind you of the public service, professional and criminal legislation that governs your conduct and the choices you've made in the previous days.

In the prelude to a major scandal you figured it's best to double down as though you've nothing to lose by adopting the role of a sacrificial lamb. You humiliated yourself and your colleagues by blocking valid FOI requests whilst documents were being illegally archived and decisions already made were purposely delayed.

Alan, you made a colossal mistake by allowing this nightmare to escalate and you're just one knee-jerk response from the point of no return. Hereon, there's no righting this wrong, so please collect your thoughts before taking any further action.

As you begin to mull over your options and draw on annual leave, I'll remind you that reality follows wherever you go and that perhaps it's time to seek independent legal advice to consider your options. Anyone who advises you to stay the course doesn't have your best interests at heart.

You have until EOD to redeem yourself, and if you have any sense you'll know what to do.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks  
Erin

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