



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
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Dear Ms Duncan

South Australia Police (SAPOL) acknowledge receipt of your application made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 1991 (FOI Act) seeking access to:

*"South Australia Police are vested with powers to investigate and prosecute animal cruelty reports and cases in SA, along with the RSPCA SA ("Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals South Australia Pty Ltd"). Yet information on current protocols for the communication, processing and assignments of cruelty reports, investigations and prosecutions between the two bodies has not been made public, despite it being a matter of public interest. I am seeking access to documents outlining the current applicable protocols, policies, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other written agreement between RSPCA SA and South Australia Police, that outline how animal cruelty matters are processed, communicated and responded to between the two agencies"*

Your application was received on 10 May 2021 and is currently being processed in accordance with the FOI Act. SAPOL FOI file reference number **21/2170** has been allocated.

SAPOL is obliged to make a determination within 30 calendar days of receipt however this is subject to advanced costs being sought and/or clarification/narrowing of the scope is required and/or the principal officer extends the time in which SAPOL has to deal with your application. Should any or all of the aforementioned be the case you will receive correspondence from this office.

If you are dissatisfied with the determination made you are entitled to apply for an internal review in accordance with section 29 of the FOI Act. Your internal review application must be lodged made to the Principal Officer of SAPOL **within 30 days after notice of the determination is given to you**. It can be made by downloading a form at <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/freedom-of-information>. Please note an application fee is applicable.

Yours sincerely,



Dean Totzenberger  
Senior Officer  
**Freedom of Information Unit**

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