



Australian Government

Department of Health

Department Reference: FOI 2706

Phillip Sweeney

Via email: foi+request-7555-f9765b55@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Sweeney

NOTICE OF DECISION

I refer to your request of 16 August 2021 to the Department of Health (department) seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to:

The document I seek is a copy of the consent form that people being injected with so-called COVID-19 “vaccines” such as the “Pfizer jab” are required to sign before being injected with a substance that only has “provisional approval” from the TGA.

Decision

I am authorised under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to Freedom of Information requests. I am writing to notify you of my decision on your request.

I have identified 1 document falling within the terms of your request being the COVID-19 vaccination consent form for COVID-19 vaccination. It is publicly available online and can be accessed on the Department of Health website at: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-consent-form-for-covid-19-vaccination>

FOI review rights

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for a review.

Internal review

Under section 54 of the Act, you may apply for internal review of this decision.

In accordance with section 54B of the Act, an application for internal review must be made in writing within 30 days after the day you are notified of this decision (or such

further period as the department allows). To assist in the internal review process, please provide reasons you consider the review of my decision is necessary.

The internal review will be carried out by another officer of this department within 30 days of receipt of your application.

An application for an internal review should be addressed to:

Email: FOI@health.gov.au
Mail: FOI Unit (MDP 516)
Department of Health
GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Information Commissioner review

Alternatively, under section 54L of the Act, you may apply to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) for review of my decision by the Information Commissioner (IC).

In accordance with subsection 54S(1) of the FOI Act, an IC review application in relation to a decision covered by subsection 54L(2) (access refusal decisions) must be made in writing within 60 days after the day you are notified of this decision (if you do not request an internal review).

More information about IC review is available on the OAIC website at:

<https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews/>

The OAIC can be contacted by:

Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au
Phone: 1300 363 992

Complaints

If you are dissatisfied with action taken by the department, you may also make a complaint.

Complaint to the department

Complaints to the department are covered by the department's privacy policy. A form for lodging a complaint directly to the department is available on the department's website:

<https://www.health.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/complaints>

Complaint to the IC

Information about making a complaint to the IC about action taken by the department is available on the OAIC website:

<https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/make-an-foi-complaint/>

Relevant provisions

The FOI Act, including the provisions referred to in this letter, can be accessed from the Federal Register of Legislation website:

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2021C00219>

Publication

You should be aware that where I have decided to release documents to you, the department may also publish the released material on its Disclosure Log. The department will however, not publish information (such as personal or business information) where it would be unreasonable to do so.

For your reference the department's Disclosure Log can be found at:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/foi-disclosure-log>

Contacts

If you require clarification of any of the matters discussed in this letter you should contact Freedom of Information Unit at FOI@health.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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