

# AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE

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Verifysp

Via email: [foi+request-7750-32a68c5a@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-7750-32a68c5a@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Verifysp

## Freedom of Information Request no. 01/2021

I refer to your request for access to documents pertaining to or giving evidence in support of mask wearing to prevent transmission of COVID-19 Delta variant from state or federal sources under the Freedom of Information Act 1982. I have taken your request to be for:

- documents received by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) from state and federal authorities pertaining to requirements around mask wearing for Commission staff and the general public in response to the COVID-19 Delta variant outbreak in Australian (late May 2021 – present), including evidence to support the effectiveness of mask wearing in preventing transmission of the COVID-19 Delta variant; and
- documents containing information about exceptions to requirements around mask wearing for Commission or the general public, including any advice on legal liability should a legal claim arise from Commission staff or the general public suffering harm from mask wearing.

We received your request on 28 August 2021 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision from us by 27 September 2021. The period of 30 days may be extended if we need to consult third parties, impose a charge or for other reasons. We will advise you if this happens.

You will be notified of any charges in relation to your request as soon as possible, before we process any requested documents or impose a final charge.

Please note that information released under the FOI Act may later be published online on our [disclosure log](#), subject to certain exceptions.

We will contact you using the email address you provided. Please advise if you would prefer us to use an alternative means of contact. If you have any questions, please contact:

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Yours sincerely



Mike Wallace

**Chief Operating Officer**

6 September 2021