



Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Mr Matthew Peos

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Dear Mr Peos

**REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS – NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REFUSE**

1. I refer to your request of 5 October 2021, submitted through the Right to Know website.
2. By that request, which was expressed as directed to me, you sought access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (**Act**) to the following:

Please refer to my request for any official documents presenting the official information of the Sars 2/ Covid 19 virus. I specifically request the documents relating to the isolation of the Covid 19 virus and sub strains as presented to medical bodies for assessment in relation to any supposed vaccine and their benefits and/or side effects.

I specifically wish to see the submitted Department of Health records of independent research into an isolated form of Sars2 and/or Covid 19 and sub strains.

I specifically wish to see the Department of Health's independent documentation relating to the isolation of the Sars 2 / Covid 19 biological viral entity and the captured vision via electron microscope and/or any other method of capturing vision of the Covid 19 virus at molecular level.


I specifically wish to see documentation related to the assessment of the Covid 19 Viral biological entity in relation to the mandate of Covid 19 vaccines as recommended to Business and/or advice given to business seeking to mandate vaccines for workers.

3. As Solicitor-General, and the “principal officer” of the agency, I am authorised under s 23(1) of the Act to make decisions in relation to applications made to me for access to documents under the Act.
4. Section 15(2) of the Act sets out the requirements of a valid request. Those requirements include that the request must provide such information as is reasonably necessary to enable a responsible officer of the agency or the Minister to identify the document that is requested: s 15(2)(b).
5. In my opinion, your email does not meet the requirements of a valid request, as it does not provide such information as is reasonably necessary to enable me to identify the document/s that are requested. For this reason, I consider a “practical refusal reason” exists within the meaning of s 24AA(1)(b) of the Act. On this basis I intend to refuse your request under s 24(1) of the Act.
6. Before I make a decision, however, s 24AB of the Act provides for a “request consultation process.” In effect, this means you have 14 days in which to do one of the following:
  - (a) withdraw your request;
  - (b) revise the scope of your request to clarify the document/s in relation to which you are seeking access; or
  - (c) indicate that you do not wish to revise your request.

If you do not do one of these three things, or you do not respond to this letter within 14 days, your request will be deemed to be withdrawn: s 24AB(7).

7. Please also note that the statutory timeframe in s 15(5) of the Act for processing your request will only commence once the scope has been sufficiently clarified to enable me to identify the document/s you are seeking.
8. If you would like to revise your request or have any questions about this letter, you may contact my Counsel Assisting, Melinda Jackson, by email at [S-G\\_Briefing@ag.gov.au](mailto:S-G_Briefing@ag.gov.au).

Yours faithfully



Dr Stephen Donaghue QC  
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