

**AEC**

Australian Electoral Commission

Our Ref: LS5200 ~ file 14/990

Michael Galbraith

By email to foi+request-807-fbd3199e@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Galbraith

Re Your FOI Request No. LS5200 re documents re the application for registration of the Liberal Democratic Party

I refer to your request ('FOI Request') for access to documents relating to the application for registration of the Liberal Democratic Party under the [Freedom of Information Act 1982](#) (the 'FOI Act'). As your request covers documents that:

- (a) concern the business, commercial or financial affairs of an organisation, or a person's business or professional affairs the AEC is required to consult with the person or organisation concerned (under section 27 of the FOI Act); and
- (b) contain another individual's personal information, the Australian Electoral Commission (the 'AEC') is required to consult with that individual (under section 27A of the FOI Act),

before making a decision on the release of those documents.

For this reason the period for processing your request has been extended by 30 days in order to allow our agency time to consult with that individual (section 15(6) of the FOI Act). The processing period for your request will now end on 19 January 2014.

The consultation mechanism under section 27 applies when we believe the person or organisation concerned may wish to contend that the requested documents are exempt because their release would disclose trade secrets or commercially valuable information or may adversely affect their business or financial affairs.

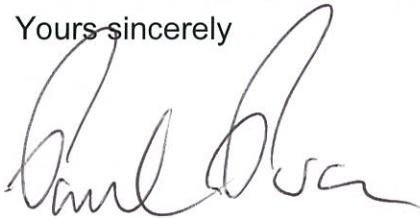
The consultation mechanism under sections 27A applies when we believe the individual (or their representative) may wish to contend that the requested documents are exempt for reasons of personal privacy.

We will take into account any comments we receive from the organisation or individual but the final decision about whether to grant you access to the documents you requested rests with the AEC.

More information about exemptions under the FOI Act is available in Fact Sheet 8 on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's website:

<http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-resources/freedom-of-information-fact-sheets/foi-fact-sheet-8-exemptions>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Pirani', written in a cursive style.

Paul Pirani
Chief Legal Officer

18 December 2014