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**Ms Verity Pane**

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## Extension of time application by the Department of Veterans' Affairs

Dear Ms Pane

I write to advise that on 30 June 2022 the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) received an application from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (Department) for an extension of time to process your FOI request of 3 January 2022.

The Department has applied for an extension of time under s 15AC of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) because it has been unable to finalise your request within the initial decision period.

The Department has advised the OAIC that:

- 5 documents were covered by the scope of the request. Numerous complexities arose regarding the contents of the documents, as well as the age of the documents.
- There are multiple agencies with an interest in the request that have been consulted. Some agencies did not respond. All responses received were considered by the delegate.
- There were internal consultations conducted to process the request.
- The decision has been finalised and is ready to be sent.

The Department has requested an **extension to 8 July 2022**. I will take any comments you may have to make into account when deciding the application.

Please respond to this email by **close of business 21 July 2022**. If I do not hear from you by this date, the decision maker will make a decision on the basis of the information provided to me by the Department.

You will be notified of the decision once the matter has been finalised.

Further information about extension of time requests may be found on our website at [Extensions of time](#).

## Contact

If you have any questions regarding this email please contact me on (02) 9942 4028 or via email to [Eoin.McMahon@oaic.gov.au](mailto:Eoin.McMahon@oaic.gov.au). Please quote OAIC reference: RQ22/02377 in all correspondence.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eoin McMahon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Eoin McMahon**

Review Adviser

FOI Regulatory Group

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