



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

Reference: FOI/PMO/2022/016

Mr John Walker

By email: foi+request-8672-1b52d8fc@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Walker

I refer to your email dated 30 March 2022 to the Prime Minister making a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the **FOI Act**) in the following terms:

I seek access to the documents you rely upon to make the following statements in your media release dated 25 January 2021 "The Pfizer vaccine has met strict standards for safety, quality and efficacy".

I also seek access to the list of "our own Australian experts" who found it (the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine) safe, effective and of a high standard in your statement below;

"I welcome the TGA's approval of the Pfizer vaccine, with our own Australian experts finding it is safe, effective and of a high standard," the Prime Minister said.

Authorised decision-maker

I am authorised to make a decision in this matter on the Prime Minister's behalf.

Searches for relevant documents

One document has been identified as within the scope of your request (the **requested document**).

Decision

I have decided to grant access in full to the requested document. The requested document released to you is attached.

You may also wish to review the Australian Government Department of Health website which publishes other information about COVID-19 including expert advice given to the Government from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee, see: <https://www.health.gov.au/>.

In addition, the Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet website has other information about the National Plan to Transition Australia's National COVID Response, see: <https://www.pmc.gov.au/national-plan-transition-australias-national-covid-response>.

Publication of documents

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Harris', is written over a faint horizontal line.

John Harris
Senior Adviser

16 May 2022