



15 June 2022

Ms Julie Marlow
By email: foi+request-8891-c93149ec@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Marlow

Re. Freedom of Information Request

The purpose of this letter is to give you a decision about access to documents that you requested under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

On 12 May 2022, you requested:

a copy of the full text of the AUKUS (Australia, United Kingdom, United States) technology transfer agreement, announced by Australia's Prime Minister September 2021.

I am authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests, and have been appointed to be the decision-maker on your request.

Searches conducted by the AUKUS Taskforce found no documents matching the description in your request.

In accordance with section 24A(1) of the FOI Act, your request for access to documents is refused as all reasonable steps have been taken to find the document and I am satisfied that the document does not exist.

Additional information

Note that the UK, US and Australia have entered into the Exchange of Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information Agreement (ENNPIA). The treaty text is available here: https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Treaties/ENNPIA/Treaty_being_considered

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please contact the FOI and Privacy Law Section by email to: foi@dfat.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Tom van Kints
Director
Freedom of Information and Privacy Law Section

Your review rights

Internal review

You may apply for internal review of the decision (section 54 of the FOI Act). The internal review application must be made within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Where possible, please attach reasons why you believe review of the decision is necessary.

The internal review will be carried out by another officer within 30 days.

Any request for internal review should be directed via email to foi@dfat.gov.au or addressed to:

Freedom of Information and Privacy Law Section
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
R G Casey Building
John McEwen Crescent
Barton ACT 0221
Australia

Australian Information Commissioner

You may apply within 60 days of the date of this letter to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision (section 54L of the FOI Act).

You may also make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner about the Department's actions in relation to this decision (section 70 of the FOI Act). Making such a complaint about the way the Department has handled your FOI request is a separate process to seeking review of my decision.

Further information on applying for an Australian Information Commissioner review is available at: <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process>

Further information about how to make a complaint is available at: <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-complaints>