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To: [FOI Requests](#)
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Request of NGA Lindy LEE Ouroboros for \$14 M Budget
Date: Sunday, 25 September 2022 11:21:57 AM

Dear Department of Finance,

Dear Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet,

Nga, commissioned without competition or tenders a work from Lindy LEE Ouroboros for \$14 M. This will be pay by public money from taxpayer.

I asked NGA and the previous and new Minister for the Art to communicate the budget to the public. They refused .

The artist in a recent interview said it was accessible : “People are welcome to see the breakdown of the budget...”

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/thank-you-white-australia-policy-artist-lindy-lee-on-her-brisbane-childhood-20220719-p5b2sk.html>

Where ?

This project has been decided by NGA without competition or tender who is already surprising.

The communication about the cost, the production, the budget is totally opaque.

The only information's I get is the artist will be pay between 10-15 % of the budget.

So the artist will be pay from PUBLIC MONEY between 2\$M and 3 \$M.

As a taxpayer I would like to know what justified this fee.

I am very surprised as a citizen and taxpayer about the process of this decision who is not in Australian standard and values and the fact that I can't access to the budget.

I did many request through the “right to know” without any answer than send me in Kafaka Castel. Do we have the right to know or is it just an illusion?

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-I would like to know who can guarantee my right to know how my taxes are spend.

-I would like to know who guarantee the good governance of NGA ?

-I would like to know who I have to contact to have my right as an Australian citizen and taxpayer respected.

As responsible of National Budget I ask your government to say how the \$14 M will be spent precialsy and why no tenders has been done.

Very best

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I acknowledge the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung – as the Traditional Owners of Port Phillip, the land on which I work, and I pay my respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their Elders past, present and future.

Yours faithfully,

Mathieu Briand

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