



James

Via email: [foi+request-9449-775aac76@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-9449-775aac76@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear James

### Decision on your Freedom of Information request

I refer to your request received by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (**department**) on 8 October 2022 for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (**FOI Act**) to the following documents:

'Regarding the Appointment of Aaron Dodd Director- Surveillance Australian chief Plant Protection Office

I wish to know:  
Position number and when it was gazetted.

Where was the job advertised?  
How many applicants were considered?  
How was the selection process done:  
Selection panel, level of officers in panel, where were officers employed, were all officers from the department?

Which criteria were used for the selection?

Were any applicants who identified as CALD, Indigenous or disabled considered?

If a merit list were used:  
how old was the merit list?  
For which position had the merit list been created?

May I receive a copy of the documentation the department follows to conduct its recruitment?'

### My decision

The department holds 3 documents (totalling 15 pages) that relate to your request.

I note that some of the information you have requested does not exist in a discrete form. Under section 17(1) of the FOI Act, the department has created a document (document 1) that relates to your request using a computer or other equipment ordinarily available to it for retrieving or collating stored information.

I have decided to grant you **full access** to the documents.

## **How we will send your documents to you**

The documents are attached.

## **You can ask for a review of my decision**

If you wish to seek an internal review, you must apply to the department within **30 days** after the day you are notified of this decision. An application for internal review must be made in writing by post to the FOI Officer or email to [foi@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:foi@agriculture.gov.au).

Alternatively, you may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (**OAIC**) to review my decision. An application for review by the Information Commissioner must be made in writing within **30 days** after the day you are notified of this decision. You can also make a complaint to the Information Commissioner if you have concerns about how the department handled your request.

You can find information about requesting a review, making a complaint, and other information about FOI on the OAIC website [www.oaic.gov.au](http://www.oaic.gov.au) or phone the OAIC on 1300 363 992.

## **Further assistance**

If you have any questions, please email [foi@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:foi@agriculture.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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Acting Chief People Officer  
People, Property and Security  
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**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR RELEASE**

**LEX-28402**

Doc No.	Pages	Date	Description	Comments
1.	1	NA	Information regarding recruitment of Director, Plant Health Policy	
2.	2-6	6 May 2022	Job advertisement for Director, Plant Health Policy	
3.	7-15	June 2017	Recruitment Policy for former Department of the Environment and Energy	<b>Note:</b> This policy was in place for the former Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment