



Our Ref: EDRM051-1925127821-1625

Mr Andrew Williams

By email to foi+request-9641-009f9ce1@righttoknow.org.au

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Dear Mr Williams,

Freedom of Information request finalised without being processed

I refer to your request to the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) on 1 December 2022 for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Vic)* (FOI Act) and our letter of 12 December 2022.

In that letter you were informed that the application fee had not been paid and sufficient information had not been provided that would allow the VEC to objectively identify the documents you sought.

You were asked to pay the application fee and invited to consult with the VEC, within 21 days, with a view to amending or clarifying the terms of the request so that it was in a form which complied with s 17 of the FOI Act. Without that payment and further information, the request was not valid under the FOI Act.

It has been more than 21 days since that letter was sent to you, and the VEC has not received payment of the application fee or a response from you indicating an intention to consult and amend or clarify your request.

Accordingly, as you have been provided with a reasonable opportunity to pay the application fee and consult with the VEC, and there has been no change to the request, I have decided to refuse to respond to the request on the basis that it does not comply with s 17 of the FOI Act. The VEC now considers your FOI request as having lapsed.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca French
FOI Officer