



Reference: BN17774214

**FOI 514/19/20 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

1. I refer to the application by [REDACTED] under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), for access to:

*“The most significant document/s created in the last 12 months detailing Defence’s high level plans and strategies to deal with a pandemic in our region.”*

*Personal email addresses, signatures, desk locations, PMKeys numbers and mobile telephone numbers, contained in documents that fall within the scope of the FOI request are excluded from this request. Defence has only considered final versions of documents.*

**FOI decision maker**

2. I am the authorised officer pursuant to section 23 of the FOI Act to make a decision on this FOI request.

**Documents identified**

3. I identified one document as matching the description of the request.

**Decision**

4. I have decided to:
- a. release one documents in full; and
  - b. remove irrelevant material as referred to in the scope of the request in accordance with section 22(1)(b)(ii) of the FOI Act.

**Material taken into account**

5. In making my decision, I had regard to:
- a. the terms of the request;
  - b. the content of the identified documents in issue;
  - c. relevant provisions in the FOI Act;
  - d. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines); and
  - e. advice provided by various subject matter areas within Defence.

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