

National Library of Australia

5 July 2024

Mr Edward Foucault

By email: foi+request-11503-ed2a37d3@righttoknow.org.au

Our reference:

Dear Mr Foucault,

Freedom of Information Request – Access Decision and Statement of Reasons

1. I refer to your request for access to information under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)*.
2. I, Alison Dellit, am authorised under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests made to the National Library of Australia (**Library**).

Background

3. By email on 9 June 2024, you requested access to the following documents:
 - (a) all details recorded in email, presentations, officer notes, letters, reports, spreadsheets, communications from users to the Trove website, in relation to details of all usernames where a decision has been made by Trove management to suppress / hide the username tally from view in the Trove text correction Hall of fame and any recorded information details the reasons why these decisions have been made.
 - (b) any details of the approval for all usernames that have been approved to be logged into by more than one user. A list or details of each of these usernames in your records would be appreciated to provide visibility to the public.
4. On 13 June 2024, you clarified the timeframe of the requested information which was from 1 January 2022 onwards.

Material taken into account

5. I have taken the following material into account in making my decision:
 - a. the terms of your request;
 - b. the relevant provisions of the FOI Act;
 - c. the FOI Guidelines issued under section 93A of the FOI Act by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (Guidelines); and
 - d. information provided by the relevant business areas within the Library.

Documents within the scope of your request

6. The Library has taken all reasonable steps to find documents which are held by the Library and which fall within the scope of your FOI request.
7. The Library identified no documents that fall within the scope of your FOI request.

Decision

8. Section 24A(1) of the FOI Act states that requests may be refused if documents cannot be found, do not exist or have not been received.



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9. As there are no documents within the scope of your FOI request, I have decided to refuse your FOI request under section 24A(1) of the FOI Act.

Review Rights

10. If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for internal review or to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner to review of my decision.

Internal Review

11. Under section 54 of the FOI Act, you may apply in writing to the Library at foi@nla.gov.au for an internal review of my decision. The internal review application must be made within 30 days of the date of this letter.
12. Where possible please provide reasons for the review of the decision. The internal review will be carried out by another authorised Library officer within 30 days.

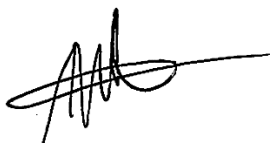
Information Commissioner review

13. Under section 54L of the FOI Act, you may apply to the Australian Information Commissioner to review this decision. An application for review by the Information Commissioner must be made within 60 days of the date of this letter. An Information Commissioner review can be lodged online at: <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/your-freedom-of-information-rights/freedom-of-information-reviews/information-commissioner-review>
14. For further details about applying for an Information Commissioner review see: <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/your-freedom-of-information-rights/freedom-of-information-reviews/information-commissioner-review>

Questions about the decision

15. If you wish to discuss this decision, please contact the Library's Assistant Director - Legal, Peter Hutchison on 02 6262 1621 or foi@nla.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Alison Dellit
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