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Via Email: [11613-d3d60535@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:11613-d3d60535@righttoknow.org.au)

### **Freedom of Information Request 202400094 – Notification of decision**

Dear Stephen Proust,

On 3 July 2024, the Australian National University received your request seeking access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act).

On 25 July 2024, the University contacted you and sought an extension of time under section 15AA of the Act. Your response advising that you did not agree to the extension was received the same day.

I am writing to provide a decision on your request as an officer authorised under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests

#### **1. Scope of Request**

Your request was as follows:

'In a quote to RiotAct yesterday, your spokesperson referred to: external heritage advice on how [ANU] could satisfy obligations under heritage laws while also operating the buildings as childcare centre. (See <https://the-riotact.com/anu-under-federal-pressure-to-reach-childcare-solution-give-community-providers-more-time-to-pitch-for-new-centres/784658>). I request access to that advice, any reports prepared for that purpose, and any associated correspondence, emails or messages' with a date range of January 2023-3 July 2024.

The relevant area of the University was contacted and a search conducted for documents relating to the scope of your request.

The Australian National University  
Canberra 2600, ACT Australia

One document within the scope of your request was located. That document has already been made publicly available by the University at the webpage: <https://services.anu.edu.au/human-resources/diversity-inclusion/families-and-carers/new-childcare-facilities-on-campus-fags>. The document is therefore fully released. No other documents within the scope of your request have been located.

Although the document is publicly available, I have attached a copy of “ANU Childcares Heritage Impact Advice Memo – 6 October 2023” for your convenience.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this decision further, please contact me at [foi@anu.edu.au](mailto:foi@anu.edu.au).

Your review rights are outlined on the following page.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Dan', written in a cursive style.

Kathryn Dan  
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## **Your review rights**

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for internal review or Information Commissioner review of the decision. We encourage you to seek internal review as a first step as it may provide a more rapid resolution of your concerns

### **Application for Internal Review of Decision**

Section 54A of the Act, gives you the right to apply for an internal review of my decision.

It must be made in writing within 30 days of receipt of this letter, no particular form is required but it is desirable to set out in the application the grounds on which you consider the decision should be reviewed.

The application should be addressed to Freedom of Information at [foi@anu.edu.au](mailto:foi@anu.edu.au).

### **Application for Information Commissioner Review of decision**

Under section 54L of the FOI Act, you may apply to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision. An application must be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter, and be lodged in one of the following ways:

Form: either online form or downloadable form available at

<https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/your-freedom-of-information-rights/freedom-of-information-reviews/information-commissioner-review>

email: [foidr@oaic.gov.au](mailto:foidr@oaic.gov.au)

Post: Director of FOI Dispute Resolution, GPO Box 5288, Sydney NSW 2001

More information is available on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner website. <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/your-freedom-of-information-rights/freedom-of-information-reviews>