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Freedom of Information Request 202400095

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) as follows:

'In a quote to RiotAct yesterday, your spokesperson referred to: In the last 12 months alone, the university has completed 244 corrective or reactive maintenance work orders at a cost of almost \$1 million across the four heritage buildings where the childcare centres are based.

(See <https://the-riotact.com/anu-under-federa...>). I request access to both any document, list or database that lists those corrective or reactive maintenance work orders, including the dates and value of that maintenance work'

I, Kathryn Dan, am an officer authorised under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests.

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

On 1 August 2024, the University contacted you and advised you that a practical refusal existed in relation to your request and on that basis, I intended to refuse your request. The practical refusal reason was that the work involved in processing your request in its current form would

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substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of this agency from its other operations. You were also advised of the request consultation process where you were able to revise your request to a more manageable form by reducing or narrowing the scope of your request in order to remove the reasons for the practical refusal.

As no further correspondence has been received from you since 1 August 2024, the reasons for the Practical Refusal have not been removed.

In accordance with section 24AB(6) of the Act, before the end of the consultation period you were required to do one of the following, in writing:

- make a revised request that suitably removed the practical refusal reason;
- tell us that you did not wish to revise the request; or
- withdraw the request.

As you have not revised your request to an extent which removes the practical refusal reason and have not otherwise advised the University in accordance with section 24AB(6), your request is now taken to have been withdrawn.

Your review rights are outlined on the following page.

Yours sincerely



Kathryn Dan

Associate Director

Records and Archives

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.

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: online: https://forms.business.gov.au/smartforms/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=ICR_10 or downloadable at

https://www.oaic.gov.au/data/assets/word_doc/0013/6520/ic-review-form.docx

email: 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. Go to <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/your-freedom-of-information-rights/freedom-of-information-reviews>