





Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

Notice of Decision

REQUEST BY: Deborah-May Torrens

(Right-to-know.org.au)

REFERENCE: FOI/2425/003

Freedom of Information Act 1982

Dear Deborah-May,

Freedom of information request ref. FOI/2425/003

- 1. The purpose of this letter is to give you a decision about access to the document that you requested from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).
- 2. I am an officer authorised by the NIAA's Chief Executive Officer under section 23(1) of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests.

Summary

| Description | Total |
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| Number of documents that fall within the scope of your request | 1 |
| Number of documents to be released to you in full | 1 |
| Number of documents to be released to you in part | - |
| Number of documents exempt from release in full | - |

Time frames

3. On 12 July 2024, you requested access to a document in the following terms:

"Under the FOI Act 1982, I am contacting You to requesting a copy of the Executive Order signed by the Governor-General at the time, Quentin Bryce, on the twenty-nineth day on the Month of May, in the year two-thousand and nineteen (or "29 May 2019") which established the National Indigenous Australians Agency."



- 4. On 23 July 2024, the NIAA acknowledged your request and provided you a link to Federal Register of Legislation where the Executive Order C2019G00474 to Establish the National Indigenous Australians Agency as an Executive Agency from 1 July 2019, signed by HE Peter Cosgrove on 29 May 2019, is publicly available. You were requested to confirm if this publicly available version of Executive Order C2019G00474 was the document you are interested in and whether you wished to proceed with your request. The NIAA did not receive a response from you in this regard.
- 5. A decision in relation to your request is due on 12 August 2024.

Document searches

6. The NIAA has undertaken searches of relevant agency document management systems for the document within the scope of your request.

Material taken into account

- 7. I have taken the following material into account in making my decision
 - the terms of your request
 - the acknowledgement sent to you
 - document searches undertaken by NIAA advisers
 - the content of the document identified as within scope of your request
 - the FOI Act, and
 - Guidelines made by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (FOI Guidelines).

Decision

- 8. I have identified 1 document which I consider to be within the scope of your request. I have decided to grant access to this document in full.
- 9. Your rights to seek review under the FOI Act or submit a complaint are set out in **Attachment A** to this notice.

Access to documents

10. The document released to you is attached.

Questions about this decision

11. If you have any questions about this notice or NIAA's FOI process, please contact the NIAA's FOI Coordinator at:

Email: foi@niaa.gov.au

Post: Freedom of Information Coordinator

National Indigenous Australians Agency

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Canberra ACT 2601

Yours sincerely

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Branch Manager
Office of the CEO

8 August 2024

