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Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government  
Member for Ballarat

Ref: FOI MO 25-045

Ash Roth

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Dear Ash Roth

### Decision on your Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request of 31 July 2024, to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (the Minister), seeking access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

#### 1. Your request

You requested access to:

Copies of correspondence sent and received between the Minister/Minister's Office and Rex Airlines between 1 May 2024 and 31 July 2024.

#### 2. Authority to make decision

I am authorised to make decisions in relation to Freedom of Information requests on behalf of the Minister.

#### 3. Decision

Section 24A of the FOI Act provides that the I may refuse a request for access to a document if:

- (a) all reasonable steps have been taken to find the document, and
- (b) the agency or Minister is satisfied that the document:
  - (i) is in the agency's or Minister's possession but cannot be found, or
  - (ii) does not exist.

The Minister's Office has conducted reasonable searches in relation to your request and I am satisfied that no documents matching the description in your request exist in the possession of the Minister's Office.

I have made my decision in accordance with section 24A of the FOI Act.

#### **4. Material taken into consideration**

In making my decision, I had regard to the following:

- the terms of your request
- the provisions of the FOI Act
- the guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the FOI Guidelines)

#### **5. Legislative provisions**

The FOI Act, including the provisions referred to in my decision, are available on the Federal Register of Legislation website: [www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562](http://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562).

#### **6. Your review rights**

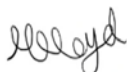
If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply for a review of it. An application for IC review must be made in writing to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) within 60 days of the decision.

If you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your FOI request, you can lodge a complaint with the OAIC. However, the OAIC suggests that complaints are made to the agency in the first instance.

More information about the Information Commissioner reviews and complaints is available on the OAIC website here: [www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process](http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process).

#### **Further information**

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts provides administrative assistance to the Minister's Office. If you require further information regarding this decision, please contact the Department's FOI Section at [FOI@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:FOI@infrastructure.gov.au).



Maggie Lloyd

Chief of Staff

29 / 08/2024