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Our reference: FOI 331/13/14



By email: 

Dear 

1. I refer to your email, dated 21 March 2014, in which you requested access, under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), to:

*"...Documents that relate to applications made by myself under the Archives Act 1983 for access to records held by the Department of Defence concerning Paul Dibb."*

2. By email, dated 24 March 2014, you responded to an email seeking further information to assist with identifying relevant documents with the following:

*"...the relevant access application lodged with the National Archives of Australia (NAA) on 28 November 2013 is attached. The NAA reference inquiry number is NAA1/00061191 with barcodes 3133229 and 13133231."*

3. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the decision relating to your request.

**FOI decision maker**

4. Ms Andrea Sansom, Acting Director, Freedom of Information is the accredited officer pursuant to section 23 of the FOI Act to make a decision on this FOI request.

**Documents identified**

5. Ms Sansom identified one document, being an email trail with an attachment, as matching the scope of your request.

**Material taken into account**

6. In making her decision Ms Sansom had regard to:
- a. the terms of the request;
  - b. the content of the identified document in issue;
  - c. relevant provisions in the FOI Act;
  - d. the *Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act* (the Guidelines);
  - e. the Principles on open public sector information issued by the Information Commissioner; and
  - f. advice from the Directorate of Classified Archival Records Review (DCARR) and Defence Archives Centre – Queanbeyan (DAC-Q) whose duties relate to the management of the matters referred to in the document.

**Decision**

7. Ms Sansom has decided to release the identified document intact. A copy of the document in the form for release is at Enclosure 1.

**Rights of review**

8. The FOI Act provides for rights of review of decisions. A copy of the fact sheet, “Freedom of Information – Your Review Rights”, setting out your rights of review is at Enclosure 2.

**FOI Disclosure Log**

9. In accordance with the requirements of section 11C of the FOI Act, Defence is required to publish details of information released under the FOI Act. Defence publishes identified documents relating to requests within five working days of receipt by the applicant. Defence will also publish this decision notice with privacy deletions.

**Further information**

10. The FOI Act may be accessed at: <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2011C00803>.
11. All departmental action on your request is now complete. Should you have any questions in regard to this matter please contact this office.

Yours sincerely



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**Enclosures:**

1. Documents in the form for release
2. Fact Sheet: Freedom of Information – Your Review Rights