



Australian Government
Department of Defence

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FOI 370/18/19 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

1. I refer to the application by [REDACTED] under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), for access to:

Item 1: The 1999 Occupational Health & Safety Assessment #29 into Pressurised Submarine Escape Training mentioned in this article:
<https://submarineinstitute.blogspot.com/2019/01/what-is-future-of-pressurised-submarine>.

Item 2: Any safety assessment/training reviews that have led to the operational pause of Pressurised Submarine Escape Training.

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FOI decision maker

2. I am the authorised officer pursuant to section 23 of the FOI Act to make a decision on this FOI request.

Documents identified

3. I identified two documents as matching the description of the request.

Decision

4. I have decided to:

- a. release two documents in full; and
- b. remove irrelevant material as referred to in the scope of the request in accordance with section 22(1)(b)(ii) of the FOI Act.

Material taken into account

5. In making my decision, I had regard to:

- a. the terms of the request;
- b. the content of the identified documents 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); and
- e. advice received from Submarines Branch and Submarine Force, Navy.

Further Information

14. Some of the documents matching the scope of this request contained a dissemination limiting marker, as the documents are approved for public release the marker has been struck through.

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