



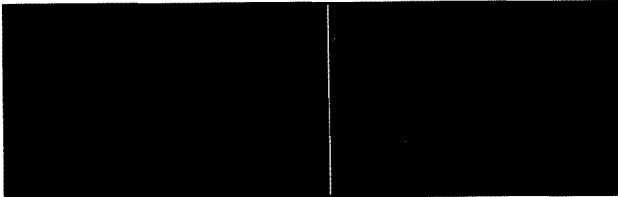
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Our reference: FOI 103/12/13



By email: 

Dear 

1. I refer to your email dated 8 August 2012, in which you sought access, under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), to:

1. *Executive-level reports or analysis conducted by the department in relation to the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) and contour updates insofar as they relate to the Edinburgh RAAF Base, in the time-frame of 1 April 2012 to 8 August 2012; [Item 1]*
2. *Any maps of the historical and present zoning (including changes) of the ANEF impact around the Edinburgh RAAF Base from 30 June 2008 to the date of this Application [Item 2]*
3. *Any correspondence between the Department, on one hand, and either the State Government of South Australia or any Council concerning the RAAF Edinburgh air base ANEF and/or its contours from 30 June 2008 to the date of this Application." [Item 3]*

Background

2. Following the receipt of your email dated 8 August 2012, there were several emails and telephone calls exchanged between Mr Rod Dudfield, Director of Freedom of Information, and you, in relation to the scope of your request. Also discussed, was whether the requested documents contained up to date information, and whether they may be able to be released by administrative means outside of the formal provisions of the FOI Act.

3. On 11 September 2012, your request was registered under the FOI Act, and Ms Andrea Sansom, Assistant Director Freedom of Information, waived any FOI charges that may have otherwise been payable for the processing of your request. Accordingly, the statutory deadline for you to receive a response to your request expires on 11 October 2012.

4. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the decision in relation to your request.

FOI decision maker

5. Mr Laurie Curry, Manager Contract Operations and Governance, Defence Support Group, is the authorised decision maker, under the FOI Act, in relation to your request.

Documents identified

6. Mr Curry identified 16 documents as matching the description of your request. The details of the documents are listed in the schedule of documents at Enclosure 1.

Decision

7. Following examination of the documents, Mr Curry decided to release all documents in their entirety.

8. Copies of the documents authorised for release are at Enclosure 2, which will be provided separately on a CD-ROM, and sent Express Post.

Review rights

9. 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 3.

DOI disclosure log

10. 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 two working days of receipt by the applicant. Defence will also publish this decision notice with privacy deletions.

Further information

11. All action on your request is now complete. If you have any questions relating to your request, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone on (02) 6266 3778 or via email to FOI@defence.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



John Peterson
Case Officer
Freedom of Information

27 September 2012

Enclosures:

1. Schedule of documents
2. Documents authorised for release (1 x CD-ROM)
3. Fact sheet "Freedom of Information - Your Review Rights"