



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Defence**

Reference: BN8930636

**FOI 108/19/20 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:

*"The instrument of appointment for General A.J. Campbell's appointment as Chief of the Defence Force circa April-July 2018. Per OPC drafting guidelines, the expected title of the instrument should be "Defence (Chief of the Defence Force) Appointment 2018".*

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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 one document matching the description of the document to which the applicant has requested access "Appointment of the Chief of the Defence Force".

**Decision**

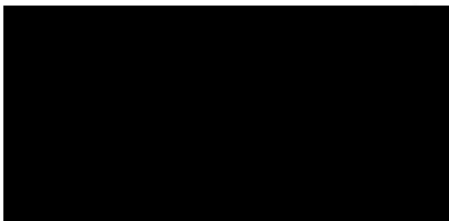
4. I have decided to:

- a. release one document in full.

**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).



**J.E. Noonan, CSC and Bar**  
CAPT, RAN  
Accredited Decision Maker  
Defence People Group

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