



Defence Reference: FOI 320/21/22

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## FOI 320/21/22 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:

*'a copy of all documents relied upon in justifying Operation Tamar's (Rwanda) reclassification from non-warlike to warlike service'.*

### 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 this request that have not been previously provided to the applicant.

### Exclusions

4. Duplicates of documents, and documents sent to or from the applicant are excluded from this request. Defence has only considered final versions of documents.

### Decision

5. I have decided to partially release two documents.

6. Material outside the scope of the request has been removed from these documents in accordance with section 22(1)(b)(ii) of the FOI Act where the edited copy would not disclose any information that would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request.

### Material taken into account

7. 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 of the FOI Act,
- d. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act, and
- e. advice from the Defence Enterprise Committees Secretariat and Office of the Chief of the Defence Force.

### Reasons taken for decision

8. Upon examination of both documents, I identified material outside the scope of the request which would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant. This material was subsequently removed in accordance with section 22(1)(b)(ii) of the FOI Act.

**Further Information**

9. Both documents partially released as part of this request contain a dissemination-limiting marker. As the documents are approved for partial release, the marker has been struck through.

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