



**DEFENCE FOI 066/24/25**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982**

1. I refer to the request by [REDACTED] (the applicant), dated and received on 21 July 2024 by the Department of Defence (Defence), for access to the following documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act):

*'We request a copy of sections of the "updated risk management health guidance" from August 2023 that concern minimising exposure to repeated low-level blast overpressure.*

*If there are further "risk mitigation policies" that have been implemented, as suggested, we request copies of those too.'*

**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 have identified one document as falling within the scope of the request.

**Decision**

4. I have decided to release one document in full.

**Material taken into account**

5. In making my decision, I have had regard to:
- a. the terms of the request;
  - b. the content of the identified document 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 (the Guidelines); and
  - e. advice provided by Joint Health Command.

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