

s22(1)(a)(ii)

**From:** s 11C(1)(a)  
**Sent:** Sunday, 26 November 2023 10:25 AM  
**To:** FOI  
**Subject:** 231123-Infrastructure-FOI-014

Good morning,

I make the following requests under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (the Act):

*I request please the full list of projects that were recommended to be scrapped in the Infrastructure Investment Program Strategic Review.*

Given this request is in the general public interest and in the interest of a substantial section of the public, I request all charges for its fulfilment be waived in accordance with section 29(5)(b) of the Act and guidelines issued by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

If there is any pertinent information that would assist me in refining the scope of the request, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

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Sincerely

s 11C(1)(a)



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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 November 2023 2:17 PM  
**To:** s 11C(1)(a)  
**Subject:** FOI 24-178 – Acknowledgement of Request [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear s 11C(1)(a)

Thank you for your email of 26 November 2023 requesting access to documents held by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the Department) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

You have requested access to:

*“the full list of projects that were recommended to be scrapped in the Infrastructure Investment Program Strategic Review”*

Your request has been allocated the reference number **FOI 24-178**. Could you please ensure that you quote this reference number in all future correspondence with the Department.

#### **Timeframes**

The statutory due date for you to receive a decision on your request is **27 December 2023**. This date may be extended in certain circumstances, and in the event that this occurs, the Department will notify you. Where the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the timeframe will expire on the next working day.

#### **Other information**

Please note that the Department considers the following information outside the scope of your request unless you specifically request it:

- personal information of third-party individuals; including public servants below the SES level and all email addresses, signatures and direct telephone numbers
- any duplicates and drafts of final versions of documents captured by your request
- any correspondence sent directly to or from you.

The Department may impose a charge for the work involved in providing access to the documents in accordance with the *Freedom of Information (Charges) Regulations*. You will be notified separately if the Department decides to impose a charge. There is no charge for documents that contain your own personal information.

Where documents are released to you under the FOI Act in response to your request, the Department must publish those documents on its FOI Disclosure Log within 10 business days of their release to you, unless they contain personal information or business affairs information that would be unreasonable to publish. Further information regarding the Department’s FOI Disclosure Log can be found [here](#).

Should you have any questions relating to your request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section via email to [FOI@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:FOI@infrastructure.gov.au)

With kind regards

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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 November 2023 2:30 PM  
**To:** FOI; s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION REQUIRED: FOI 24-178 (not 172) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Apologies – the FOI reference is 24-**178** (not 172) for this one.

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**From:** FOI <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 November 2023 2:28 PM  
**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii) @infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) @infrastructure.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii) @infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Subject:** ACTION REQUIRED: FOI 24-172 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon s22(1)(a)(ii)

On 26 November 2023, the department received a Freedom of Information (FOI) request from s 11C(1)(a) requesting access to:

*the full list of projects that were recommended to be scrapped in the Infrastructure Investment Program Strategic Review*

I note that you will be the decision maker for this request.

The FOI Case Officer (in this instance, s22(1)(a)(ii) ) has met with s22(1)(a)(ii) to discuss the request.

**Action required by Friday 8 December 2023:**

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- **Search and retrieval** of relevant documents – the Action Officer must liaise with all relevant business areas that may hold relevant documents, and arrange for their retrieval
- **Identify sensitivities** contained in the documents, and identify the harm that may result from the release of relevant information
- **Identify affected third parties** – this may include private individuals, businesses and organisations, State or Territory government agencies, or other Commonwealth government agencies.
- **Prepare a schedule** of relevant documents, including details regarding sensitivities within the documents, and any third parties that may need to be consulted on the proposed release of the documents (a template to assist you with can be found in the FOI file [here](#)).
- Complete and return the **search and retrieval checklist** which can also be found in the FOI file.

#### Timeframes:

- The statutory due date for this request is currently: **27 December 2023**.
- This date may be extended if third party consultation is required or charges are imposed.
- In order to achieve this timeframe, it would assist if you could provide us with the documents captured by this request, together with a completed schedule of documents, by no later than **Friday 8 December 2023**.

#### Additional Information:

- Once the search and retrieval stage of the FOI request has been completed, the FOI Case Officer will then liaise with you both to identify relevant exemptions under the FOI Act, prepare the documents for release to the FOI applicant, and prepare a draft decision on access for consideration by the decision maker.
- In order to assist you, please find **attached** the 'FOI 30-day timeline' which provides an overview of the stages of the FOI process to ensure the request is completed within the statutory timeframes.

#### Cabinet documents

It is important to note that in the event that documents captured by this request includes Cabinet documents, or documents relating to cabinet processes, and the decision maker considers that a Cabinet Document exemption may apply (section 34), Cabinet Circular 4 of 2020 (Freedom of Information) requires agencies to consult with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) prior to applying that exemption. PM&C requires at least 10 working days to undertake such a consultation. As such, if you believe that the Cabinet Documents exemption applies to this request, you **must** provide those documents to us as early as possible, together with relevant Cabinet reference numbers, to enable us to facilitate that consultation process within the statutory timeframes associated with this request.

More information on processing FOI requests can be found here: [Freedom of information \(dotars.gov.au\)](https://www.dotars.gov.au/freedom-of-information).

If you have any queries or require any assistance during the processing of this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section on the details below.

With kind regards

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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 November 2023 2:35 PM  
**To:** BOURNE, Andrew; [redacted]; DLO CKing; Solomon, Joseph  
**Cc:** [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; FOI; Media; [redacted]  
**Subject:** FOR INFORMATION: New FOI request 24-178 received: [redacted]  
 [redacted] – Infrastructure Investment Program Strategic Review [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon

The purpose of this email is to provide you with visibility of an FOI request received by the Department. Details of the request are set out below:

<b>Applicant:</b>	[redacted]
<b>Date request received:</b>	26 November 2023
<b>Statutory due date:</b>	27 December 2023
<b>Scope of request:</b>	The full list of projects that were recommended to be scrapped in the Infrastructure Investment Program Strategic Review
<b>Responsible Branch:</b>	Infrastructure Investment Program Review Taskforce
<b>Decision maker:</b>	[redacted]

The FOI Section is working with the nominated Decision Maker to progress this request.

You will be notified of the decision on access in this request in due course.

If you have any questions please let me know.

With kind regards

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**From:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 December 2023 4:50 PM  
**To:** FOI  
**Cc:** Langford, Anita; s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: FOI Requests related to the ISR of the IIP [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you on this. I can confirm all of the table below is correct, with three exceptions (highlighted):

- FOI 24-160 – Documents for this FOI should include Appendix C, as Appendix C forms part of the Review.  
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- s22(1)(a)(ii)
- FOI 24-187 – Per 24-160, above.

Cheers,

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A/g Director • Reform Implementation • Land Transport Infrastructure Division

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**From:** FOI <[FOI@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:FOI@infrastructure.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 5 December 2023 5:34 PM  
**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii) [@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:infrastructure.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Langford, Anita <[Anita.Langford@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:Anita.Langford@infrastructure.gov.au)>; s22(1)(a)(ii) [@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:infrastructure.gov.au)>; s22(1)(a)(ii) [@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:infrastructure.gov.au)>; s22(1)(a)(ii) [@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:infrastructure.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FOI Requests related to the ISR of the IIP [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed, I wanted confirm a few things before the decision packs begin coming through to Anita.

Can you please confirm or make correct notes to the below table of requests. Happy for colour coding etc, so long as use is consistence.

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FOI Ref #	Applicant	Entity/Position	Request Scope	Documents	For your confirmation
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FOI 24-178	s 11C(1)(a)	I request please the full list of projects that were recommended to be scrapped in the Infrastructure Investment Program Strategic Review.	1. ISR IIP – Appendix C	1. 'ISR IIP – Appendix C' to be exempt in full, under sections discussed.
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Kind regards,

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**From:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 December 2023 1:24 PM  
**To:** FOI  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: FOR ACTION: FOI 24-178 – Decision Pack for review and signature [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii) I've completed the documents. Let me know if you need anything further.

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** FOI <FOI@infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 8 December 2023 6:42 PM  
**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii) @infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii) @infrastructure.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii) @infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FOR ACTION: FOI 24-178 – Decision Pack for review and signature [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear s22(1)(a)(ii)

On 26 November 2023, s 11C(1)(a) requested access to documents held by the the Department under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

The FOI applicant sought access to:

I request please the full list of projects that were recommended to be scrapped in the Infrastructure Investment Program Strategic Review.

I note you have been nominated as the decision maker for this request.

### **Action Required**

Please see below link to the Records Workspace folder for this matter, containing the following for your review and signature:

[\[FOI 24-178 - Decision pack for decision maker for review\]](#)

- A. FOI 24-178 - Decision makers checklist – **\*For your completion and signature**
- B. FOI 24-178 - Draft Notice of decision – **\*For your review and signature**
- C. FOI 24-178 - Documents with proposed exempt/irrelevant information marked up in red – **\*For your review**

Can you please consider the draft decision and satisfy yourself, as the decision maker, that it meets the circumstance of this request.

### **Timeframe**

I note the statutory due date for this matter is 27 December 2023, and as such I would be grateful if the signed decision on access can be returned to the FOI Section on or before **COB Friday 15 December 2023**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the FOI section on the details below should you wish to discuss further.

Kind regards,

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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 December 2023 9:09 AM  
**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii); DLO CKing; Solomon, Joseph; BOURNE, Andrew; Langford, Anita  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii); FOI; Media; s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** FOR VISIBILITY: Imminent Release – Multiple requests: s22(1)(a)(ii), FOI 24-178, s22(1)(a)(ii)  
 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning

Please be advised that access refusal decisions will be issued to the below FOI applicants on **Monday 18 December 2023**. Full details of the requests and the decisions made are set out below.

	s22(1)(a)(ii)	<b>FOI 24-178</b>	s22(1)(a)(ii)
<b>Applicants:</b>		s 11C(1)(a)	
<b>Date request received:</b>		26 November 2023	
<b>Statutory due date:</b>		27 December 2023	

<b>Document requested:</b>	<b>The Independent Strategic Review of the Infrastructure Investment Program Final Report</b>
<b>Decision maker:</b>	s22(1)(a)(ii), A/g Assistant Secretary • IIP Reform
<b>Number of relevant documents:</b>	1
<b>Decisions on access:</b>	Access refused to 1 document
<b>Consultations undertaken:</b>	Dept of the Prime Minister and Cabinet – Response received – Suggestion for the consideration of Commonwealth-State relations, which were accepted in full.

If you have any questions please let me know.

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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 December 2023 5:58 PM  
**To:** s 11C(1)(a)  
**Cc:** FOI  
**Subject:** FOI 24-178 - Decision on access [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** FOI 24-178 - Decision on access.pdf

**Categories:** Matt

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 11C(1)(a)

I refer to your request below for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

Please find attached a decision in response to your request.

Kind regards,

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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