



By email:

Corporate Affairs

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Dear

I refer to your email of 8 March 2012 in which you sought access to documents under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI Act). Specifically, you sought access to "a copy of the completed report from former News Director John Cameron on ABC News Quality".

I have identified a document entitled *ABC News Quality Review* dated August 2011 which meets the description in your request.

I have decided to refuse access on the basis that document falls outside the scope of the FOI Act. As you may be aware, the ABC is exempt from the operation of the FOI Act in relation to documents relating to its program material and datacasting content (see FOI Act, s7(2) and Part II, Schedule 2). I am satisfied that the ABC News Quality Review report has a relationship with the ABC's program material such that it falls outside the operation of the FOI Act.

In making this decision, I note that the report includes observations, analysis, opinions and recommendations relating to news production processes, with reference to specific news programs and the quality of news programming. There is a clear and direct connection between the report and ABC program material.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision you can apply for Internal or Information Commissioner (IC) Review. You do not have to apply for Internal Review before seeking IC Review. Information about your review rights is attached.

Yours sincerely

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