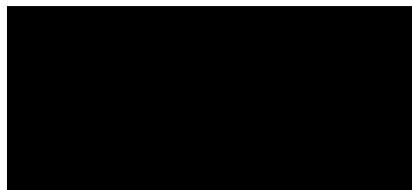


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By email: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

FOI REQUEST - REFERENCE NUMBER 2014-025

I refer to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) in your email of 16 September 2014. Specifically, you have sought access to the following documents:

“...all emails, correspondence and documents in relation to the ABC’s invitation to have Clive Palmer at the mid-winter ball.”

I am authorised by the Managing Director under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests made under that Act. Following is my decision in relation to your request.

Locating and identifying documents

I have taken reasonable steps to identify and locate all relevant documents. My search for these documents involved contacting the following relevant people, who in turn consulted with relevant staff within their respective areas:

- Executive Assistant to the Director, Corporate Affairs
- Executive Assistant to the Chairman.

I requested that searches be conducted of all hard and soft copy records for documents which fall within the scope of your request. As a result of those searches, the following 10 documents were identified:

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| Document 1 | Letter from the ABC Chairman to Clive Palmer MP | 1 page | 24 Mar 2014 |
| Document 2 | Email from the ABC Chairman’s Executive Assistant to the office of Clive Palmer MP | 1 page | 24 Mar 2014 |
| Document 3 | Email string between the ABC Chairman’s Executive Assistant and the Executive Assistant to the Director Corporate Affairs | 1 page | 26 Mar 2014 |

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| Document 4 | Email from the ABC Chairman's Executive Assistant to the office of Clive Palmer MP (including earlier email) | 2 pages | 31 Mar 2014 |
| Document 5 | Email string between the ABC Chairman's Executive Assistant and the Executive Assistant to the Director Corporate Affairs (forwarding earlier email exchange with the office of Clive Palmer MP) | 2 pages | 1 Apr 2014 |
| Document 6 | Email string between the ABC Chairman's Executive Assistant and the office of Clive Palmer MP | 2 pages | 24 Mar–2 Apr 2014 |
| Document 7 | Email string between the office of Clive Palmer MP and the ABC | 3 pages | 24 Mar–4 Apr 2014 |
| Document 8 | Internal email from L Lander to M Scott and M Millett | 1 page | 5 Apr 2014 |
| Document 9 | Email from the ABC Chairman's Executive Assistant to the office of Clive Palmer MP | 1 page | 16 May 2014 |
| Document 10 | Email from the ABC Chairman's Executive Assistant to the office of Clive Palmer MP | 1 page | 16 Jun 2014 |

Please note that in identifying relevant documents, I have excluded duplicates of the same document. Accordingly, some email messages which appear as part of a string may not have been included as separate emails.

Access granted

Access is granted to Documents 1 to 10 inclusive.

Documents 3, 5, 7 and 8 contain some information which could reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request for access, namely information about other invitees. Section 22 of the FOI Act allows access to be granted to an edited copy of a document if it is reasonably practicable to remove irrelevant material. Accordingly, Documents 3, 5, 7 and 8 has been redacted to remove irrelevant information.

Copies of Documents 1 to 10 are attached.

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



Judith Maude
Head, Corporate Governance