



Australian Research Council

FOI Approvals and Authorisations

Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth)

I, **Dr Richard Johnson**, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Research Council (ARC), under subsections 10A(1) and 23(1) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth)* (the FOI Act):

- (a) **Revoke** the previous instrument made under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act on 29 March 2023;
- (b) **Approve** the following arrangements pursuant to subsections 10A(1) and 23(1) of the FOI Act, and hereby authorise:
 - i. under subsection 23(1) of the FOI Act—those officers who from time to time hold, occupy, or perform the duties of a position specified in Column 2 of Schedule 1 to make decisions specified in Column 3 of Schedule 1; and
 - ii. under subsection 10A(1) of the FOI Act—those officers who from time to time hold, occupy, or perform the duties of a position specified in Column 2 of Schedule 2 to exercise powers and functions under Part II (Information Publication Scheme) of the FOI Act, including, without limitation, the powers or functions referred to in Column 3 of Schedule 2.

Office, Position, Team, Branch and Group Names

If the name of an office, position, team, branch, or group (an entity) in the ARC changes and that entity continues performing the same functions and duties under the new name, then the delegations to that entity, or office or position in that entity, under this instrument continue unaffected.

Commencement

This instrument commences on the date of signature.



Dr Richard Johnson
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Australian Research Council

Dated²⁶ June 2024

Schedule 1

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Position	Column 3 Decisions
1.	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	All decisions under the FOI Act in relation to a request to an agency, except the power to internally review a decision made by an officer in row 1 or 2.
2.	Chief Research Officer	All decisions under the FOI Act in relation to a request to an agency, except the power to internally review a decision made by an officer in row 1 or 2.
2.	General Counsel Chief Operating Officer	The decision that a document falls within sections 11C(1)(a) to (d) of the FOI Act and is not required to be published on the disclosure log. The decision that a request is a valid FOI request under section 15(2) of the FOI Act. The decision to determine in writing that it is appropriate to extend the time period under section 15(6) or 15(7) of the FOI Act. The decision that a practical refusal reason exists under section 24(1) of the FOI Act (but not the power to refuse access under section 24(1)(b) of the FOI Act). The decision that two or more requests can be treated as a single request under section 24(2) of the FOI Act. The decision to amend a record under section 50 of the FOI Act. The decision not to annotate a record on the basis that the annotation would be irrelevant, defamatory or unnecessarily voluminous under section 51(2) or 51B(2) of the FOI Act.

Initials:



Schedule 2

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Position	Column 3 Powers and Functions
1.	General Counsel Deputy Chief Executive Officer Chief Research Officer	The preparation of the ARC's plan under subsection 8(1) of the FOI Act. The publication of information required to be published by the ARC under subsection 8(2) and subsection 8D(5) of the FOI Act. The publication of other information by the ARC under subsection 8(4) of the FOI Act. Decisions regarding imposition of a charge under subsection 8D(4) of the FOI Act. Conducting a review of the operation of the Information Publication Scheme in the ARC under section 9 of the FOI Act.

Initials:

