



# Australian Research Council

## FOI Authorisations

*Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth)*

I, **Professor Ute Roessner**, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Research Council (ARC), under sections 10A(1) and 23(1) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth)* (FOI Act):

- (a) **Revoke** all previous arrangements made under sections 10A(1) and 23(1) of the FOI Act; and
- (b) **Approve** the following arrangements pursuant to sections 10A(1) and 23(1) of the FOI Act:
  - i. under section 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 the decisions as specified in Column 3 of Schedule 1; and
  - ii. under section 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 perform 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 substantially the same functions and duties under the new name, then the arrangements set out in this document continue to apply to that entity as though its new name were specified in the corresponding location(s) of this document.

### Commencement

This instrument commences on the date of signature.

**Professor Ute Roessner**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Australian Research Council

Dated ..... **27**..... January 2026

**Schedule 1**

<b>Column 1 Item</b>	<b>Column 2 Position</b>	<b>Column 3 Decisions</b>
1.	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	All decisions under the FOI Act in relation to a request to an agency, including the power to internally review a decision made by an officer referred to in Items 2 or 3.
2.	Chief Operating Officer, Branch Manager and SES (Band 1) Officers	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 referred to in Items 1 or 2.
3.	Chief Operating Officer, Branch Manager and SES (Band 1) Officers  General Counsel  Deputy General Counsel	<p>The decision that a document falls within section 11C(1)(a) to (d) of the FOI Act and is not required to be published on the disclosure log.</p> <p>The decision that a request is a valid FOI request under section 15(2) of the FOI Act.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The decision that a practical refusal reason exists and to undertake a consultation process under section 24(1)(a) of the FOI Act (but not to refuse access under section 24(1)(b) of the FOI Act).</p> <p>The decision that two or more requests can be treated as a single request under section 24(2) of the FOI Act.</p> <p>The decision to amend a record under section 50 of the FOI Act.</p> <p>The decision not to annotate a record on the basis that the annotation would be irrelevant, defamatory or unnecessarily voluminous under sections 51(2) or 51B(2) of the FOI Act.</p>

Initials: 

**Schedule 2**

<b>Column 1 Item</b>	<b>Column 2 Position</b>	<b>Column 3 Powers and Functions</b>
1.	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Chief Operating Officer Branch Manager SES (Band 1) Officers General Counsel Deputy General Counsel	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:

