



27 February 2017

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information (FOI) Request (ref 170041)**

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (ACT) (the Act) received by the University of Canberra on 27 January 2017, for access to the following documents:

- The advice that the University of Canberra received from Minister of Defence Payne (~late May 2016) with respect to the release of 1991 Master of Public Administration Thesis, *An analysis of critical aspects of forecasting and planning the administration and management of overseas survey operations; the case of the Royal Australian Survey Corps in Iran Jaya 1975-1988*
- Advice received from the author of the thesis re its release (referred to in a letter from the University of Canberra to myself, dated 4 Jul 2016 re FOI request 160029/15947)

I am authorised under section 22 of the Act to make a decision in respect of FOI applications.

I have decided to release the letter referred to in part one of your request. Please find attached a copy of the letter received from the Minister for Defence.

With regard to the second part of your FOI request, I have determined the document is an internal working document and exempt under section 36 of the Act. Release of this document would disclose matter in the nature of opinion, advice, and recommendation, obtained and recorded for the purpose of consultation in the course of the deliberative process of an FOI application. Release of this document would be contrary to the public interest as it may prejudice the University's ability to obtain similar information in the future.

With regard to the fee payable in relation to this FOI request, please note that a fee is only payable when the time taken to complete a request is greater than 10 hours. As the time taken to complete this request was less than 10 hours no fee is payable.

### Your rights of review

If you are not satisfied with my decision you may, within 28 days of notification of this decision, apply in writing for an internal review. If you wish to do so please forward the letter or email to [FOI@canberra.edu.au](mailto:FOI@canberra.edu.au) and it will be forwarded to the person authorised to undertake the review.

You may also submit a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 54 of the Act. You can access the FOI Act and the Ombudsman website via the University's FOI webpage at <http://www.canberra.edu.au/about-uc/policy-and-legislation/freedom-of-information>.

If you have any further questions please email [foi@canberra.edu.au](mailto:foi@canberra.edu.au).

Yours sincerely



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