



Australian Government
**Department of Industry,
Innovation and Science**

DEPUTY SECRETARY

Angelene Falk
Australian Information Commissioner and Privacy Commissioner

By email: foidr@oaic.gov.au

Dear Ms Falk

Submission to the Australian Information Commissioner

Disclosure of public servants' names and contact details

I am writing in relation to the discussion paper published by your office on 1 July 2019 in relation to disclosure of public servants names and contact details in response to freedom of information (FOI) requests (discussion paper). Thank you for seeking views on this important issue.

The department's small FOI team processes a small volume¹ of FOI requests each year in relation to documents of the agency including Geoscience Australia. Our FOI team also supports Ministerial staff in relation to FOI requests for documents held by our Ministers' offices.

The department has been provided with a copy of the response to the discussion paper prepared by the Australian Public Service Commission, dated 31 July 2019 including that agency's submission.

The department agrees with and endorses the submission made by the Australian Public Service Commissioner in respect of the issues as it affects Australian Public Service employees.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janean Richards', written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

Janean Richards

Acting Deputy Secretary

9 August 2019

¹ The department's FOI team processed 284 FOI requests during the three year period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2019