

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

*Freedom of Information Act 1982***AUTHORISATION**

I, Dr Jeff Harmer, Secretary of the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, *REVOKE* all prior authorisations in force under subsection 23(1) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act), and under that provision, *AUTHORISE* each person holding, occupying or performing the duties of the offices or positions in the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs as specified in Column 2 of Schedule A to this Authorisation, *TO EXERCISE* those powers and/or functions as enumerated in Column 3 of that Schedule but subject to the limitations specified in Appendices (i) and (ii).

Dated this

4th

day of

May

2006

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Dr Jeff Harmer

Secretary of the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

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SCHEDULE A

COLUMN 1 ITEM	COLUMN 2 OFFICE OR POSITION	COLUMN 3 POWERS AUTHORISED
1.	Associate Secretary	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
2.	Deputy Secretaries	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
3.	Group Managers	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
4.	Legal Services Manager Legal Services Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
5.	State or Territory Office Manager	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
6.	Branch Manager People Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
7.	Branch Manager Audit and Fraud Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
8.	FOI Co-ordinator Legal Services Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
9.	Section Manager Employees Relations and Work Environment Team People Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
10.	FOI Contact Officer State or Territory Office	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)

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Date 4/5/06

Appendix (i)

Class 1 Authorisation

The person holding, occupying or performing the duties of, each of the offices or positions specified in the Schedule as having a Class 1 authorisation is authorised to:

- grant, defer or refuse to grant access to documents in accordance with the various provisions of Parts III and IV of the Act;
 - transfer, or not transfer, a request under sections 16 and 51C;
 - extend the time limit upon a request under subsection 15(6);
 - grant access in another form under sub-section 20(3);
 - refuse to process a request under section 24;
 - make a decision under section 29, and in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations, to impose, reduce or not impose a charge;
 - make a decision under section 30A to remit, or refuse to remit, in whole or in part, an application fee;
 - agree to, or refuse, a request for the amendment of records under sections 50, 51 and 51B;
 - review a decision of the type mentioned in subsection 54(1) of the Act and to make a fresh decision in accordance with subsection 54(2) of the Act; and
 - make a decision of the type mentioned in subsections 54(1A) and 54(1F) of the Act to allow extra time under those sub-sections for an applicant to request a review of a decision referred to in those subsections.
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Date 4.5.06

Appendix (ii)

Class 2 Authorisations

The person holding, occupying or performing the duties of, each of the offices or positions specified in the Schedule as having a Class 2 authorisation is authorised to:

- grant, defer or refuse to grant access to documents in accordance with the various provisions of Parts III and IV of the Act;
 - transfer, or not transfer, a request under sections 16 and 51C;
 - extend the time limit upon a request under subsection 15(6);
 - grant access in another form under subsection 20(3);
 - refuse to process a request under section 24;
 - make a decision under section 29, and in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations, to impose, reduce or not impose a charge;
 - make a decision under section 30A to remit, or refuse to remit, in whole or in part, an application fee;
 - agree to, or refuse, a request for the amendment of records under sections 50, 51 and 51B.
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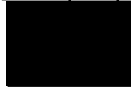
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Dated this *25th* day of *October* 2007


 Dr Jeff Harmer
Secretary of the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

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4.	Legal Services Manager Legal Services Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
5.	Legal Services Deputy Branch Managers Legal Services Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
6.	State or Territory Office Manager	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
7.	Branch Manager People Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
8.	Branch Manager Audit and Fraud Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
9.	FOI Co-ordinator Legal Services Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
10.	Section Manager Employees Relations and Work Environment Team People Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
11.	FOI Contact Officer State or Territory Office	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)

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Appendix (i)

Class 1 Authorisation

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- make a decision under section 30A to remit, or refuse to remit, in whole or in part, an application fee;
- agree to, or refuse, a request for the amendment of records under sections 50, 51 and 51B;
- review a decision of the type mentioned in subsection 54(1) of the Act and to make a fresh decision in accordance with subsection 54(2) of the Act; and
- make a decision of the type mentioned in subsections 54(1A) and 54(1F) of the Act to allow extra time under those sub-sections for an applicant to request a review of a decision referred to in those subsections.

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Appendix (ii)

Class 2 Authorisations

The person holding, occupying or performing the duties of, each of the offices or positions specified in the Schedule as having a Class 2 authorisation is authorised to:

- grant, defer or refuse to grant access to documents in accordance with the various provisions of Parts III and IV of the Act;
- transfer, or not transfer, a request under sections 16 and 51C;
- extend the time limit upon a request under subsection 15(6);
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- make a decision under section 30A to remit, or refuse to remit, in whole or in part, an application fee;
- agree to, or refuse, a request for the amendment of records under sections 50, 51 and 51B.

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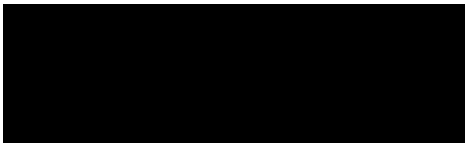

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Dated this 24th day of January, 2008


 Dr Jeff Harmer
Secretary of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and
Indigenous Affairs

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SCHEDULE A

COLUMN 1 ITEM	COLUMN 2 OFFICE OR POSITION	COLUMN 3 POWERS AUTHORISED
1.	Deputy Secretaries	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
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3.	Branch Manager Public Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
4.	Branch Manager Commercial and Indigenous Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
5.	Deputy Branch Manager Commercial and Indigenous Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
6.	State or Territory Office Manager	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
7.	Branch Manager People Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
8.	Branch Manager Audit and Fraud Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
9.	FOI Co-ordinator Public Law Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
10.	Section Manager Employee Relations and Work Environment Team People Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
11.	Section Manager Employee Services Section People Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
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Class 1 Authorisation

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 - make a decision under section 30A to remit, or refuse to remit, in whole or in part, an application fee;
 - agree to, or refuse, a request for the amendment of records under sections 50, 51 and 51B;
 - review a decision of the type mentioned in subsection 54(1) of the Act and to make a fresh decision in accordance with subsection 54(2) of the Act; and
 - make a decision of the type mentioned in subsections 54(1A) and 54(1F) of the Act to allow extra time under those sub-sections for an applicant to request a review of a decision referred to in those subsections.
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Date 24.1.08

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Appendix (ii)

Class 2 Authorisations

The person holding, occupying or performing the duties of, each of the offices or positions specified in the Schedule as having a Class 2 authorisation is authorised to:

- grant, defer or refuse to grant access to documents in accordance with the various provisions of Parts III and IV of the Act;
 - transfer, or not transfer, a request under sections 16 and 51C;
 - extend the time limit upon a request under subsection 15(6);
 - grant access in another form under subsection 20(3);
 - refuse to process a request under section 24;
 - make a decision under section 29, and in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations, to impose, reduce or not impose a charge;
 - make a decision under section 30A to remit, or refuse to remit, in whole or in part, an application fee;
 - agree to, or refuse, a request for the amendment of records under sections 50, 51 and 51B.
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Dated this

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day of

September

2009


Dr Jeff Harmer

Secretary of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

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SCHEDULE A

COLUMN 1 ITEM	COLUMN 2 OFFICE OR POSITION	COLUMN 3 POWERS AUTHORISED
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3.	Branch Manager Public Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
4.	Branch Manager Commercial and Indigenous Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
5.	Deputy Branch Manager Commercial and Indigenous Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
6.	Principal Legal Officer Social Policy Section Public Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
7.	Principal Legal Officer Corporate and Business Section Public Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
8.	State or Territory Office Manager	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
9.	Branch Manager People Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
10.	Branch Manager Audit and Fraud Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
11.	FOI Co-ordinator Public Law Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
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13.	Section Manager Employee Relations and Work Environment Team People Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
14.	Section Manager Employee Services Section People Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
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Date 1.9.09

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Appendix (i)

Class 1 Authorisation

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- grant, defer or refuse to grant access to documents in accordance with the various provisions of Parts III and IV of the Act;
- transfer, or not transfer, a request under sections 16 and 51C;
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- grant access in another form under sub-section 20(3);
- refuse to process a request under section 24;
- make a decision under section 29, and in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations, to impose, reduce or not impose a charge;
- make a decision under section 30A to remit, or refuse to remit, in whole or in part, an application fee;
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- review a decision of the type mentioned in subsection 54(1) of the Act and to make a fresh decision in accordance with subsection 54(2) of the Act; and
- make a decision of the type mentioned in subsections 54(1A) and 54(1F) of the Act to allow extra time under those sub-sections for an applicant to request a review of a decision referred to in those subsections.

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Date 1.1.9.09

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Appendix (ii)

Class 2 Authorisations

The person holding, occupying or performing the duties of, each of the offices or positions specified in the Schedule as having a Class 2 authorisation is authorised to:

- grant, defer or refuse to grant access to documents in accordance with the various provisions of Parts III and IV of the Act;
 - transfer, or not transfer, a request under sections 16 and 51C;
 - extend the time limit upon a request under subsection 15(6);
 - grant access in another form under subsection 20(3);
 - refuse to process a request under section 24;
 - make a decision under section 29, and in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations, to impose, reduce or not impose a charge;
 - make a decision under section 30A to remit, or refuse to remit, in whole or in part, an application fee;
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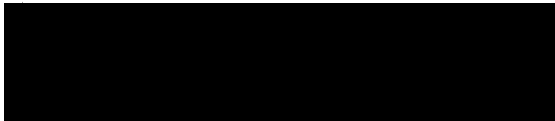
Commonwealth of Australia


Freedom of Information Act 1982

Authorisation No. 1 of 2010

I, Dr Jeff Harmer, Secretary of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs *REVOKE* the authorisation made on 1 September 2009 under subsection 23(1) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act) and under that provision *AUTHORISE* each person holding, occupying or performing the duties of the offices or positions in the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs as specified in Column 2 of the Schedule to this Authorisation to exercise those powers and/or functions as enumerated in Column 3 of the Schedule but subject to the limitations specified in Appendices (i) and (ii).

Dated this *10th* day of *November* 2010



 Secretary of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

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SCHEDULE

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Office or Position	Column 3 Authorised Powers/function
1.	Deputy Secretaries	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
2.	Group Managers	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
3.	Branch Manager Public Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
4.	Branch Manager Commercial and Indigenous Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
5.	Deputy Branch Manager Commercial and Indigenous Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
6.	Principal Legal Officer Social Policy Section Public Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
7.	Principal Legal Officer Corporate and Business Section Public Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
8.	State or Territory Office Manager	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
9.	Branch Manager People Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
10.	Branch Manager Audit Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
11.	FOI Co-ordinator Public Law Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
12.	FOI/Privacy Officer Public Law Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
13.	Section Manager Employee Relations and Work Environment Team People Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
14.	Section Manager Employee Services Section People Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
15.	FOI Contact Officer State or Territory Office	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)



Appendix (i)

Class 1 Authorisation

For requests received before 1 November 2010 the person holding, occupying or performing the duties of, each of the offices or positions specified in the Schedule as having a Class 1 authorisation is authorised to:

- grant, defer or refuse to grant access to documents in accordance with the various provisions of Parts III and IV of the Act;
- transfer, or not transfer, a request under sections 16 and 51C;
- extend the time limit upon a request under subsection 15(6);
- grant access in another form under subsection 20(3);
- make a decision to defer the provision of access to a document under section 21;
- refuse to process a request under section 24;
- make a decision under section 29, and in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations, to impose, reduce or not impose a charge;
- make a decision under section 30A to remit, or refuse to remit, in whole or in part, an application fee;
- agree to, or refuse, a request for the amendment of records under sections 50, 51 and 51B;
- review a decision of the type mentioned in subsections 54(1), 54(1)(C), 54(1)(D) and 54(1)(E) of the Act and to make a fresh decision in accordance with subsection 54(2) of the Act; and
- make a decision of the type mentioned in subsections 54(1A) and 54(1F) of the Act to allow extra time under those subsections for an applicant to request a review of a decision referred to in those subsections.



Class 1 Authorisation

For requests received on and after 1 November 2010 as a consequence of the application of item 41 of Part 2 of Schedule 6 to the *Freedom of Information Amendment (Reform) Act 2010* provides that amendments made by items 4, 6, 8, 10 to 13, 17, 20 to 32 and 34 to 39 apply to requests for access made under section 15 and applications under section 48 of the Act at or after the commencement of those items (1 November 2010).

The person holding, occupying or performing the duties of, each of the offices or positions specified in the Schedule as having a Class 1 authorisation is authorised to:

- grant, defer or refuse to grant access to documents in accordance with the various provisions of Parts III and IV of the Act;
- transfer, or not transfer, a request under sections 16 and 51C;
- extend the time limit upon a request under subsections 15(6), 15(7) and 15AA;
- grant access in another form under subsection 20(3);
- make a decision to defer the provision of access to a document under section 21;
- refuse to process a request under section 24;
- make a decision under section 29, and in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations, to impose, reduce or not impose a charge;
- agree to, or refuse, a request for the amendment of records under sections 50, 51 and 51B;
- review a decision of the type mentioned in subsections 53A and 53B of the Act and to make a fresh decision in accordance with subsection 54C(3) of the Act; and
- make a decision of the type mentioned in subsection 54B(3) of the Act to allow extra time under that subsection for an internal review applicant to make an application for review of a decision referred to in those subsections.



Appendix (ii)

Class 2 Authorisations

For requests received before 1 November 2010 the person holding, occupying or performing the duties of, each of the offices or positions specified in the Schedule as having a Class 2 authorisation is authorised to:

- grant, defer or refuse to grant access to documents in accordance with the various provisions of Parts III and IV of the Act;
- transfer, or not transfer, a request under sections 16 and 51C;
- extend the time limit upon a request under subsection 15(6);
- grant access in another form under subsection 20(3);
- make a decision to defer the provision of access to a document under section 21;
- refuse to process a request under section 24;
- make a decision under section 29, and in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations, to impose, reduce or not impose a charge;
- make a decision under section 30A to remit, or refuse to remit, in whole or in part, an application fee; and
- agree to, or refuse, a request for the amendment of records under sections 50, 51 and 51B.



Class 2 Authorisations

For requests received on and after 1 November 2010 as a consequence of the application of item 41 of Part 2 of Schedule 6 to the *Freedom of Information Amendment (Reform) Act 2010* provide that amendments made by items 4, 6, 8, 10 to 13, 17, 20 to 32 and 34 to 39 apply to requests for access made under section 15 and applications under section 48 of the Act at or after the commencement of those items (1 November 2010).

The person holding, occupying or performing the duties of, each of the offices or positions specified in the Schedule as having a Class 2 authorisation is authorised to:

- grant, defer or refuse to grant access to documents in accordance with the various provisions of Parts III and IV of the Act;
- transfer, or not transfer, a request under sections 16 and 51C;
- extend the time limit upon a request under subsections 15(6), 15(7) and 15AA;
- grant access in another form under subsection 20(3);
- make a decision to defer the provision of access to a document under section 21;
- refuse to process a request under section 24;
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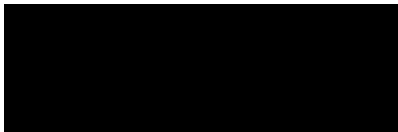
Commonwealth of Australia

Freedom of Information Act 1982

Authorisation No. 1 of 2011

I, Finn Pratt, Secretary of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs *AUTHORISE* under subsection 23(1) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act) each person holding, occupying or performing the duties of the offices or positions in the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs as specified in Column 2 of the Schedule to this Authorisation to exercise those powers and/or functions as enumerated in Column 3 of the Schedule but subject to the limitations specified in Appendices (i) and (ii).

Dated this 8th day of April 2011



Secretary of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

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SCHEDULE

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Office or Position	Column 3 Authorised Powers/function
1.	Deputy Secretaries	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
2.	Group Managers	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
3.	Branch Manager Public Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
4.	Branch Manager Commercial and Indigenous Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
5.	Deputy Branch Manager Commercial and Indigenous Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
6.	Principal Legal Officer Social Policy Section Public Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
7.	Principal Legal Officer Corporate and Business Section Public Law Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
8.	State or Territory Office Manager	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
9.	Branch Manager People Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
10.	Branch Manager Audit Branch	Class 1 authorisations, as described in Appendix (i)
11.	FOI Co-ordinator Public Law Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
12.	FOI/Privacy Officer Public Law Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
13.	Section Manager Workplace Relations and Manager Advisory Section People Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
14.	Section Manager Employee Services Section People Branch	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)
15.	FOI Contact Officer State or Territory Office	Class 2 authorisations, as described in Appendix (ii)

Appendix (i)

Class 1 Authorisation

For requests received before 1 November 2010 the person holding, occupying or performing the duties of, each of the offices or positions specified in the Schedule as having a Class 1 authorisation is authorised to:

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- transfer, or not transfer, a request under sections 16 and 51C;
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- make a decision to defer the provision of access to a document under section 21;
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- make a decision under section 30A to remit, or refuse to remit, in whole or in part, an application fee;
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- make a decision of the type mentioned in subsections 54(1A) and 54(1F) of the Act to allow extra time under those subsections for an applicant to request a review of a decision referred to in those subsections.

Class 1 Authorisation

For requests received on and after 1 November 2010 as a consequence of the application of item 41 of Part 2 of Schedule 6 to the *Freedom of Information Amendment (Reform) Act 2010* provides that amendments made by items 4, 6, 8, 10 to 13, 17, 20 to 32 and 34 to 39 apply to requests for access made under section 15 and applications under section 48 of the Act at or after the commencement of those items (1 November 2010).

The person holding, occupying or performing the duties of, each of the offices or positions specified in the Schedule as having a Class 1 authorisation is authorised to:

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- transfer, or not transfer, a request under sections 16 and 51C;
- extend the time limit upon a request under subsections 15(6), 15(7) and 15AA;
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- refuse to process a request under section 24;
- make a decision under section 29, and in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations, to impose, reduce or not impose a charge;
- agree to, or refuse, a request for the amendment of records under sections 50, 51 and 51B;
- review a decision of the type mentioned in subsections 53A and 53B of the Act and to make a fresh decision in accordance with subsection 54C(3) of the Act; and
- make a decision of the type mentioned in subsection 54B(3) of the Act to allow extra time under that subsection for an internal review applicant to make an application for review of a decision referred to in those subsections.



Appendix (ii)

Class 2 Authorisations

For requests received before 1 November 2010 the person holding, occupying or performing the duties of, each of the offices or positions specified in the Schedule as having a Class 2 authorisation is authorised to:

- grant, defer or refuse to grant access to documents in accordance with the various provisions of Parts III and IV of the Act;
- transfer, or not transfer, a request under sections 16 and 51C;
- extend the time limit upon a request under subsection 15(6);
- grant access in another form under subsection 20(3);
- make a decision to defer the provision of access to a document under section 21;
- refuse to process a request under section 24;
- make a decision under section 29, and in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations, to impose, reduce or not impose a charge;
- make a decision under section 30A to remit, or refuse to remit, in whole or in part, an application fee; and
- agree to, or refuse, a request for the amendment of records under sections 50, 51 and 51B.

Class 2 Authorisations

For requests received on and after 1 November 2010 as a consequence of the application of item 41 of Part 2 of Schedule 6 to the *Freedom of Information Amendment (Reform) Act 2010* provide that amendments made by items 4, 6, 8, 10 to 13, 17, 20 to 32 and 34 to 39 apply to requests for access made under section 15 and applications under section 48 of the Act at or after the commencement of those items (1 November 2010).

The person holding, occupying or performing the duties of, each of the offices or positions specified in the Schedule as having a Class 2 authorisation is authorised to:

- grant, defer or refuse to grant access to documents in accordance with the various provisions of Parts III and IV of the Act;
- transfer, or not transfer, a request under sections 16 and 51C;
- extend the time limit upon a request under subsections 15(6), 15(7) and 15AA;
- grant access in another form under subsection 20(3);
- make a decision to defer the provision of access to a document under section 21;
- refuse to process a request under section 24;
- make a decision under section 29, and in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations, to impose, reduce or not impose a charge;
- agree to, or refuse, a request for the amendment of records under sections 50, 51 and 51B.

Commonwealth of Australia

Freedom of Information Act 1982

Authorisation No. 2 of 2011

I, Finn Pratt, Secretary of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs acting under section 10A of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* AUTHORISE the Branch Manager of the Public Law Branch in the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to exercise those powers and/or functions as specified in Appendix (i).

Dated this

18th

day of

May

2011



Secretary of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

signature removed

Appendix (i)**Authorisation**

For the purpose of this Authorisation, the Branch Manager of the Public Law Branch in the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is authorised to exercise the following functions and powers under Part II of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act):

- the preparation of an agency plan under subsection 8(1) of the Act;
- the publication of information required to be published by the agency under subsection 8(2) of the Act;
- the publication of other information by the agency under subsection 8(4) of the Act;
- ensuring that information published by the agency is accurate, up-to-date and complete as required by section 8B of the Act;
- the publication of information by the agency in accordance with subsections 8D(2) and 8D(3) of the Act;
- imposing a charge on a person for accessing information published by the agency in accordance with subsection 8D(4) and publishing details of any charges the agency may impose (subsection 8D(5) of the Act); and
- conducting a review of the operation, in the agency, of the Information Publication Scheme in accordance with section 9 of the Act.