

Dear [REDACTED]

DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION

I refer to your application under Section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act), received by Canberra Health Services (CHS) on **Tuesday 14 December 2021** and also clarified point 3 of the scope, with you responding via email on **Thursday 16 December 2021**.

This application requested access to:

'I refer to the recent TV interview on Sunrise where Prof Collignon makes some pretty big claims relating to COVID, he said "those that are unvaccinated are more of a risk to others..." and "at least 70% more chance that they will get it (COVID) than a vaccinated person", and that "if they get it, they tend to be sicker for longer"

So my request under the FOI act is as follows;

- 1. The data you have relied on to make these claims mentioned above.*
- 2. Can you please share with me the scientific evidence you (ACT health and/or the Professor) have showing the existence and isolation of*
 - 1. SARS-CoV-2 virus; and*
 - 2. Delta variant; or*
 - 3. Any other variant. And*
- 3. The reduced efficacy in reference to any materials you have that show the efficacy of the vaccine/s and their overall performance.*
- 4. The evidence of how the vaccine targets all the variants at once, or if not, which variants and which vaccines people in Australia are getting to be protected from said variant.'*

As the Principal Officer of Canberra Health Services, I am authorised to make a decision on access or amendment to government information in the possession or control of Canberra Health Services. CHS was required to provide a decision on your access application by **Friday 14 January 2022**.

Decisions on access

Professor Peter Collignon's appearances on the Sunrise program are not made as representative of Canberra Health Services. Therefore, in accordance with section 35(1)(b), CHS do not hold any documents.

Please refer to the below links to some previous relevant FOI applications, relevant to the scope of your application, made to both CHS and ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) that are available on the ACTHD disclosure log;

<https://www.health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-03/FOI21-10%20-%20CHS%20Response%20-%20Disclosure%20Log.pdf>

https://www.health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-09/ACTHDFOI21-22.10%20ACTHD%20Response_DL.pdf

https://www.health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-10/ACTHDFOI21-22.11%20ACTHD%20Response_DL.PDF

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable to this request.

Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, CHS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. The scope of your access application and my decision to you will be published in the disclosure log not less than three days but not more than 10 days after the date of this decision. Your personal contact details will not be published. <https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/freedom-information/disclosure-log>.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in ACT Health's disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Via email: ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au
Website: ombudsman.act.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore St
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Further assistance

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Coordinator on (02) 5124 9831 or email HealthFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Canberra Health Services