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PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL

Commonwealth of Australia

Freedom of Information Act 1982

Approval under Section 23

I, MEREDITH LEIGH, First Parliamentary Counsel, Office of Parliamentary Counsel and principal officer of that agency (within the meaning of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*):

- (a) approve the following arrangements under subsection 23(1) of that Act; and
- (b) revoke the approvals made by me under that subsection on 13 November 2023 and 26 September 2025.

Arrangements

Each person, for the time being occupying or performing the duties of an office specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 to this instrument, is authorised to make decisions on behalf of the agency in relation to matters arising under the Act that are specified in Part 1 of Schedule 1 for that person.



Meredith Leigh
First Parliamentary Counsel
Office of Parliamentary Counsel

14 May 2026

SCHEDULE 1

PART 1 - Powers

For Second Parliamentary Counsel, or an SES employee in the drafting group—All powers under the Act.

For the Chief Operating Officer or General Manager Publishing—All powers under the Act, except the power to make decisions in response to applications for internal review.

PART 2 - Offices

OFFICE OF PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL

Second Parliamentary Counsel

An SES employee in the drafting group

Chief Operating Officer

General Manager Publishing