

Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

<u>Information Publication Scheme – Agency Plan</u>

The Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the FOI Act) provides for the following:

Section 8(1) – An agency must prepare a plan showing the following:

- a) What information the agency proposes to publish for the purposes of this Part;
- b) How, and to whom, the agency proposes to publish information for the purposes of this Part;
- c) How the agency otherwise proposes to comply with this Part.

Information to be published

The Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP) in accordance with section 8(2) of the FOI Act proposes to publish, for the purposes of this Part, the following information:

- a) This Plan;
- b) Details of the organisational structure of the CDPP;
- c) Details of the functions of the CDPP, including its decision making powers and other powers affecting members of the public;
- d) Details of appointments of officers of the Department that are made under the Acts (other than the APS employees);
- e) Information in the CDPP's Annual Report;
- f) Details of arrangements for members of the public to comment on specific proposals for which the CDPP is responsible, including how and to whom those comments may be made;
- g) Information in documents to which the CDPP routinely gives access in response to requests under Part III of the Act except:
 - Personal information about any individual the publishing of which would be unreasonable;
 - Information about the business, commercial, financial or professional affairs of any person the publishing of which would be unreasonable;
 - Other information of a kind determined by the Information Commissioner the publishing of which would be unreasonable;
- h) Information held by the CDPP that is routinely provided to the Parliament in response to requests and orders from the Parliament;
- i) The contact details of an officer who can be contacted about access to information and documents held by the CDPP; and
- j) The CDPP's operational information that is, information held by the CDPP for the purpose of performing or exercising its functions and powers in making decisions or

recommendations affecting members of the public or a particular person or entity, or classes of persons or entities.

Publication of Information

The above information will be published on the CDPP's website. In accordance with the requirements of subsection 8D(3) of the FOI Act, the information will be published by:

- Making it available for downloading from the website; or
- Publishing on the website other details of how the information may be obtained for instance, the name and contact details of relevant CDPP officers from whom the information or document can be obtained.

The CDPP will comply with the other requirements of Part II as follows:

- a) The CDPP will have a Head Office FOI Coordinator who will liaise with FOI Contact Officers in CDPP Regional Offices;
- b) The CDPP will have regard to any guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act;
- c) In performing a function or exercising power under Part II of the Act, the CDPP will also have regard to the objects of the FOI Act as set out in sections 3 and 3A;
- d) The CDPP will cooperate with any review of the CDPP's handling of the publication scheme carried out by the Information Commissioner; and
- e) The CDPP will comply with the requirements in section 10(2) of the FOI Act in relation to the application of any rule, guideline or practice in the unpublished information.