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Dear Ms [REDACTED]

NOTICE OF DECISION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act) cited below and received by the department on 5 May 2020:

'One document that shows and provides scientific factual evidence, of the testing procedure being used in Australia that 100% positively identifies Covid-19 otherwise known as SARS-CoV-2 (not any other type of Corona Virus) in a living human, beyond any reasonable doubt.'

Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Vic)

The Act establishes a general right of access to documents held by the department. To protect essential public interests and the private and business affairs of individuals, the right of access does not apply to a document identified in the Act as exempt.

If a document contains exempt material the Act allows for an edited copy to be released after the exempt matter has been deleted and where it is practicable to do so.

Documents

On the basis of your request, the Regulation, Health Protection and Emergency Management division conducted a thorough and diligent search and advised that no relevant documents have been located.

The division advised that a scan of the publicly available literature found that there is currently no test available that 100% positively identifies COVID-19 in a living human beyond any reasonable doubt, as all diagnostic tests have a margin of error.