Dear [Name]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION

I refer to your application pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 1991 (FOI Act), received by the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN) on 17 July 2018, in which you sought access to;

Any documents between any health entity, including the Chief Executive, and the Veterans' Health Advisory Council regarding the Repatriation General Hospital site, from 18 March 2018.

I advise that, following extensive searches conducted throughout the agency, one document has been found. I have determined that access to this document be granted in full.

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing from the Veteran’s Health Advisory Council that was forwarded to the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network.

If you are unhappy with this determination you are entitled to apply for an internal review in accordance with section 29 of the FOI Act. To make an internal review application, please write to the Chief Executive Officer, SALHN within 30 (calendar) days after you received this letter. I have enclosed a copy of 'Your Rights to Review and Appeal' which outlines your review options.

In accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through FOI, it will be necessary to publish on the SA Health website a summary of your application, this notice of determination (with your details redacted) and a copy of, or link to, the documents released to you.

Yours sincerely

Ms M King
Accredited Freedom of Information Officer

21 August 2018

Encl: 1. Rights to Review and Appeal
YOUR RIGHTS TO REVIEW AND APPEAL

1. Internal Review

Under s29 and s38 of the Freedom of Information Act (SA) 1991, if you are dissatisfied or "aggrieved" with certain decisions or "determinations" of the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN) you can apply for an internal review of the determination.

To apply for an internal review of a determination you must write a letter or lodge and internal review application form with SALHN within 30 days of being given the determination. **A $35.00 application fee applies to all requests for an internal review.** If you consider you are entitled to a reduction of the fee, please provide copies of supporting documents with your application. Please send your application for an internal review of a determination to:

Chief Executive Officer, SALHN
cl- Freedom of Information Office
Level 2, Flinders Medical Centre
Flinders Drive
BEDFORD PARK  SA  5042

There is no right to an internal review of an initial determination that is made by the Chief Executive Officer.

2. Investigation by the Ombudsman

If, after an internal review has been completed, you are still dissatisfied with the agency's determination, you can request an investigation by the Ombudsman of the determination. The Ombudsman is empowered to investigate the conduct of any person or body in relation to a determination made by an agency under this Act. Provided you have had an internal review, you can apply for an investigation by the Ombudsman within 30 days of receipt of the determination from the Internal Review. There is no charge for an investigation by the Ombudsman. Further information is available from:

Office of the Ombudsman
Level 9, 55 Currie Street
ADELAIDE  SA  5000
PO Box 3651
Rundle Mall  SA  5000

3. Appeal to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal

If you are dissatisfied by the determination of SALHN after internal review or after review by the Ombudsman, you can appeal to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT). Applications must be made within 30 days after the relevant determination was given to you, or if you have sought an investigation by the Ombudsman, within 30 days after the results of the Ombudsman investigation of the complaint were reported to you.

The contact details for SACAT are:

SACAT
GPO Box 2361
ADELAIDE  SA  5001
Telephone: 1800723767

Locations: Level 4, 100 Pirie Street
ADELAIDE  SA  5000
Level 8, 85 North East Road
COLLINSWOOD  SA  5081
11 July 2018

The Hon Stephen Wade MLC
Minister for Health and Wellbeing

Repat Site and Jamie Larcombe Centre

Dear Minister,

I am responding to your correspondence of 6 July 2018 in which you sought the advice of the Veterans’ Health Advisory Council (VHAC) on a number of matters concerning the potential future use of the Repatriation General Hospital (Repat) site at Daw Park. VHAC considered your request at a meeting held on Monday 9 July and provides the following advice.

1. Veterans’ Heritage at Daw Park
   VHAC considers that an ex-service organisation, with a presence on the Repat site and a broad representation of veterans, should be the custodian of the veteran heritage elements of the former Repatriation General Hospital. VHAC suggests that an RSL related organisation, including possibly an RSL Sub-branch, would be a good example to consider.

2. The Repat
   VHAC considers that it would be appropriate for the Daw Park precinct of the former Repatriation General Hospital to be named ‘The Repat’ on an ongoing basis as it is a term that has been in general use for many years when referring to the former hospital.

3. Open letter from Emeritus Professor Warren Jones regarding the Jamie Larcombe Centre
   Following careful consideration of the matters raised in the open letter from Associate Professor Warren Jones VHAC resolved to provide the following advice.

   a. VHAC does not support the relocation of the Jamie Larcombe Centre from the Glenside Health Precinct to the Repat site at this time.

   b. VHAC recommends that it would be timely if the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN) initiates a Post Implementation Review to identify any concerns relating to the operation the Jamie Larcombe Centre with terms of reference that include, amongst others, the following.

      i. The appropriateness of the current arrangements to manage patients with complex co-morbidities at the Jamie Larcombe Centre.
ii. The interface arrangements that exist between the Jamie Larcombe Centre and other Health Services where veterans from the Centre are referred to other health units for treatment.

iii. Reports that consulting rooms at the Jamie Larcombe Centre do not provide an appropriate level of confidentiality for patients.

iv. Consumer satisfaction.

c. VHAC recommends that consideration be given to establishing sub-acute mental health services for veterans at the Repat site to supplement the work of the Jamie Larcombe Centre. This has the potential to relieve pressure on admissions at the Centre thus enabling increased access to acute care for veterans and emergency service personnel.

d. VHAC suggests that SALHN investigates the circumstances of the patient referred to in the open letter from Associate Professor Warren Jones as part of their normal process in responding to consumer feedback.

Thankyou Minister for seeking VHAC's advice on this most important matter.

Yours Sincerely

Geoff Tattersall
Presiding Member