

- provision also be made for applicants to apply to the AAT if mediation by the Ombudsman fails, and for the Ombudsman to provide the AAT with a report with respect to negotiations he or she had conducted;
- the AAT be given an unfettered discretion to award costs to FOI applicants;
- the Act be amended to provide that a government agency shall indemnify an FOI applicant who is successful before the AAT against legal costs in subsequent appeals by that agency to a court; and
- final review of the classification of Cabinet documents be conducted by the AAT rather than by the Government or the Parliament.

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