

28 April 2016

Richard Baines  
Journalist  
ABC News Hobart

Dear Mr Baines,

### **Right to Information Request 31 March 2016**

I refer to your request pursuant to the Right to Information Act 2009 (RTI Act) received on 31 March 2016 by Hydro Tasmania.

I am authorised to make decisions on behalf of Hydro Tasmania in respect of applications for information under the RTI Act.

#### **1. Your Request**

Item 1 of your request was:

“All information relating to public relations consultants and additional public relations staff engaged by Hydro Tasmania” for the period 1 December 2015 to 29 February 2016.

As advised previously by email on 13 April 2016 under sections 37 (1) and 15 (5) of the Right to Information Act 2009, the remainder of your request will be responded to on or before 27 May 2016.

#### **2. Determination and Reasons for Determination of Request**

I have undertaken a search of the information held by Hydro Tasmania to locate any records that may be relevant to the Request. I have determined the information that can be released is included in section 3 of this letter. No further information has been located.

#### **3. Information provided**

Hydro Tasmania used existing staff in the Brand and Communications team to manage a range of issues in the period 1 December 2015 to 29 February 2016. As a result of the increased media interest generated by the Energy Supply issue, these resources were supplemented in March by two external resources - a sole contractor for approximately five days' work and a secondment from TasNetworks for two days.

The additional resources provided support during a very busy time for the business and to enable the business to meet the demands and expectations of a range of clients such as the print and electronic media, industry publications and our own people. The additional resources also provided appropriate cover for staff on annual and sick leave.

#### Month by month breakdown from December 2015 to 29 February 2016

Month	amount
Dec 2015	Nil
Jan 2016	Nil
Feb 2016	Nil
Mar 2016	3419

#### 4. Review of Rights

You are entitled under Section 43 of the RTI Act to apply for a review of the decision made for this of the Request.

Any request for such a review should be made in writing within twenty (20) working days of receiving this letter and addressed to:

Mr S Davy  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hydro Tasmania  
4 Elizabeth Street  
HOBART TAS 7000

Should you have any questions on the information provided please contact the undersigned.

This item of the Request is now considered closed.

Yours sincerely



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