

28 June 2018

Rebecca White MP
Parliament House
Hobart TAS 7000

Dear Ms White,

Right to Information Request 30 May 2018

I refer to your request pursuant to the Right to Information Act 2009 (RTI Act) received on 30 May 2018 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

Your request was for all information regarding correspondence with Rebecca White dated between 23 May 2018 and 24 May 2018 (**Request.**)

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. The information I have determined that is responsive to your request is numbered 1-19 and listed in Annexure A.

I have determined that:

- a) each of the documents listed in Part 1 of Annexure A can be released to you in its entirety. Please find copies of those documents attached;
- b) the documents listed in Part 2 of Annexure A can be released to you subject to some minor redactions of exempt information; please see Part 2 of Annexure A for the reasons for the redactions and please find redacted copies of those documents attached;
- c) the documents listed in Part 3 of Annexure A are exempt in their entirety. Please see Part 3 of Annexure A for the reasons.

3. Review of Rights

You are entitled under Section 45 of the RTI Act to apply to the Ombudsman for a review of the decision made under Part 2 of the determination.

Any request for such a review should be made in writing within twenty (20) working days of receiving this letter by completing an Application for Review form (available at www.ombudsman.tas.gov.au) and returning to the Ombudsman at:

Ombudsman Tasmania
GPO Box 960
HOBART TAS 7001
or via email to: ombudsman@ombudsman.tas.gov.au

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Km &'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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ANNEXURE A

Part 1

Doc	Date	Description
1	23-24 May 2018	Email chain between Dean Winter, Stephen Davy, Grant Every-Burns and Andrew Catchpole attaching document 11
2	24 May 2018 9.42 am	Email from Eleanor Inglis to Vanessa Pinto (cc Matt McGee and Richard Wilson) attaching documents 11 and 19
3	24 May 2018 9.42am – 10.35am	Email chain between Eleanor Inglis, Vanessa Pinto, Andrew Catchpole, Stephen Davy, Grant Every-Burns and Alex Beckitt attaching document 11 and 19
4	24 May 2018 9.44 am	Email From Eleanor Inglis to James Abbott attaching documents 11 and 19
5	24 May 2018 1.45 pm	Email from Eleanor Inglis to James Cragie (cc Vanessa Pinto, James Abbott, Richard Wilson) attaching document 10
6	24 May 2018 2.18 pm	Internal email between Eleanor Inglis and Adam Dance attaching document 10
7	24 May 2018 6.32 pm	Internal between Rebecca Carter and Eleanor Inglis attaching document 9
8	24 May 2018 6.32 pm	Internal between Eleanor Inglis and Alex Beckitt attaching document 9
9	24 May 2018	Letter from Grant Every-Burns to Rebecca White MP
10	Undated	Document headed <i>Questions Without Notice To be asked by Rebecca White</i>
11	23 May 2018	Letter from Rebecca White MP to Grant Every-Burns

Part 2

Certain information has been redacted from the below documents on the basis that it is exempt for the reasons outlined in the below table.

Doc	Date	Description
12	23 May 2018	Email chain between Dean Winter, Stephen Davy and Andrew Catchpole
13	24 May 2018	Email chain between Dean Winter, Stephen Davy and Andrew Catchpole and Rebecca Carter

Text has been redacted from documents 12 and 13 as it consists of internal deliberative information in the form of opinion and advice and is exempt pursuant to section S35 of the RTI Act, subject to the public interest test created by section 33. In determining that the redacted information is exempt I have considered the following matters:

- the information would not contribute to debate on the matter of the ESI Act amendments or any other matter of public interest;
- the information would not inform you about the reasons for a decision; and
- the information would not provide you with contextual information to aid in the understanding of government decisions.

Part 3

The following documents are in Hydro Tasmania's possession. These documents are drafts and internal emails which consist entirely of internal deliberation regarding decisions reflected in the information released to you under parts 1 and 2.

Doc	Date	Description
14	24 May 2018 9.34am	Internal email between Hydro Tasmania personnel
15	24 May 2018 11.14 am	Internal email between Hydro Tasmania personnel
16	24 May 2018 11.25am	Internal email between Hydro Tasmania personnel
17	24 May 2018 2.51 pm	Internal email between Hydro Tasmania personnel
18	24 May 2018	Drafts of document 9 a) Draft 1 b) Draft 2
19	Undated	Draft of document 10

I have determined that documents 14 – 18(b) are wholly exempt pursuant to section S35 of the RTI Act, subject to the public interest test created by section 33. In determining that the information is exempt I have considered the following matters:

- the information would not contribute to debate on the matter of the ESI Act amendments or any other matter of public interest;
- the information would not inform you about the reasons for a decision;
- the information would not provide you with contextual information to aid in the understanding of government decisions.

I have determined that document 19 is wholly exempt pursuant to sections 27 and 35 of the RTI Act subject to the public interest test created by section 33. In determining that the information is exempt I have considered the following matters:

- the information would not contribute to debate on the matter of the ESI Act amendments or any other matter of public interest;
- the information would not inform you about the reasons for a decision;
- the information would not provide you with contextual information to aid in the understanding of government decisions.

