

Applicant's Details

Name:

Postal Address:

Daytime contact information

Telephone:

Email:

Public Authority or Minister applied to:

Environment Protection Authority Minister for Environment

General topic of information applied for:

(One sentence summary of information requested)

Description of efforts made prior to this application to obtain information:

e.g. have you looked on our website?

Application Fee or Application to Waive Fee

Application fee included (please tick)

Direct Deposit to WESTPAC BSB 037-001, Account 7885566 or

Credit Card – by calling 03 6165 4599

For the current application fee, please refer to the [EPA website](#).

OR

Application for fee waiver (please indicate category)

- Member of Parliament**, in relation to official business
- Journalist**, in relation to professional duties
- Financial Hardship** (e.g. holder of a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs Card)
- General Public Interest or Benefit**
(you will need to show that you intend to use the information for this purpose)

Reason application fee should be waived:

(if there is insufficient room in the space provided, please attach further details)

Proof of Identity

If an application is for release of your personal information, you must provide proof of identity before we can release the information – if lodging by email or mail you will need to provide certified copies.

Please tick the box if you are required to provide proof of identity

Details of information sought

(if there is insufficient room in the space provided, please attach further details)

What time period/date range would you like us to search within?

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Information about assessed disclosure under the *Right to Information Act 2009*

Object of the Act

Section 3 of the Act includes this statement of the objects of the Act:

- (1) The object of this Act is to improve democratic government in Tasmania by –
 - (a) increasing the accountability of the executive to the people of Tasmania; and
 - (b) increasing the ability of the people of Tasmania to participate in their governance; and
 - (c) acknowledging that information collected by public authorities is collected for and on behalf of the people of Tasmania and is the property of the State.
- (2) This object is to be pursued by giving members of the public the right to obtain information held by public authorities and Ministers.
- (3) This object is also to be pursued by giving members of the public the right to obtain information about the operations of Government.
- (4) It is the intention of Parliament that –
 - (a) this Act be interpreted so as to further the object set out in subsection (1); and
 - (b) discretions conferred by this Act be exercised so as to facilitate and promote, promptly and at the lowest reasonable cost, the provision of the maximum amount of official information

Applications for assessed disclosure

- Applications are to be addressed to:
Right to Information Request
Environment Protection Authority
GPO Box 1550
HOBART 7001
or by email to: Enquiries@epa.tas.gov.au
- Applications are to be made in writing and include the information required by Regulation 5 of the *Right to Information Regulations 2021*.
- Applications are to be accompanied by the application fee. For the current application fee, please refer to the EPA website
- An applicant can apply for the application fee to be waived where the applicant is a Member of Parliament in the pursuit of their official duty; where the applicant is a journalist acting in connection with their professional duties; where the applicant is impecunious; and where the information sought is intended to be used for a purpose that is of general public interest or benefit

Responsibilities of the public authority

- Applicants are to be notified of the decision on an application for assessed disclosure within 20 working days of the application being accepted by the public authority.
- Before the application is accepted, the public authority has a maximum of 10 working days to negotiate with the applicant to further define the application.

- If a need to consult with a third party arises, a further 20 working days will be allowed in addition to the original 20 days.
- If these time limits are not conformed with, the application will be deemed to be refused and the applicant may apply to the Ombudsman for a review of that decision.

Proof of Identity

- If you are applying for personal information related to you which is held by a public authority you will need to provide proof of identity prior to any information being released to you. This should be done at the time of making your application.
- Photo Identification or a copy of photo identification which has been certified as a true copy by a Justice of the Peace or a Commissioner for Declarations is the minimum acceptable.
- Do not send original identification through the post.