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Right to Information decision

I refer to your application made pursuant to the *Right to Information Act 2009* (the Act), received by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE) on 1 May 2023. Specifically, you requested:

“1. Correspondence, records of any meetings, and electronic messages (e.g. WhatsApp, Teams, Messenger etc) between the Minister (or his office) and salmon industry representatives (including but not limited to: Tassal, Huon Aquaculture, Petuna and/or Tasmanian Salmonid Growers Association, or any of their consultants/representatives/lobbyists between 1 January 2020 and today's date regarding:

- (a) the draft Environmental standards for Marine Finfish Farming (Environmental Standards);*
- (b) the Environmental Standards Working Group and/or the Environmental Standards Working Group recommendations;*
- (c) the Review of Tasmanian and International Regulatory Requirements for Salmonid Aquaculture.*

2. The attendees and number of meetings between the Minister (or his office) and salmon industry representatives (including but not limited to: Tassal, Huon Aquaculture, Petuna and/or Tasmanian Salmonid Growers Association, or any of their consultants/representatives/lobbyists regarding:

- (a) the draft Environmental Standards;*
- (b) Environmental Standards Working Group recommendations;*
- (c) the Review of Tasmanian and International Regulatory Requirements for Salmonid Aquaculture.*

- with a timeframe specified as '1 January 2020 to 1 May 2023'.

On 3 May 2023, you were informed your application had been transferred to Minister for Environment and Climate Change, the Hon Roger Jaensch MHA, and that a delegate of the Minister within NRE would be undertaking the assessment.

Section 7 of the Act gives a person a legally enforceable right to be provided, in accordance with the Act, with information in the possession of a public authority or a Minister unless the information is exempt information.

The Minister's office searched its records and found 21 pages of information relevant to your request. Please note, all meetings in the specified timeframe between the Minister (or his office) and the named parties have been disclosed.

I have redacted personal information without consultation or assessment on the assumption that you do not require this information and it is therefore outside the scope of your request. If this is incorrect, please let me know and I will conduct an assessment and make a decision accordingly.

I have assessed the information against Part 3 of the Act to determine whether any of it is exempt information. I have decided the information be released to you in full.

Review Rights

You have the right under s 43(1) of the Act to apply for a review of this decision. To apply for a review you must write to the Principal Officer of this Agency within 20 working days of receiving this notice, addressing your correspondence to:

Jason Jacobi
Secretary
Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania
GPO Box 44
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You may email your application to: right2info@nre.tas.gov.au. When sent via email, this decision is taken to have been received by you upon receipt of a delivery notification.

Yours sincerely



Deidre Wilson
Delegated officer under the *Right to Information Act 2009*

06 June 2023