

16 December 2015

The Hon Bryan Green MP
Labor Leader
Parliament House
HOBART TAS 7000

(by email to bryan.green@parliament.tas.gov.au and
karelle.logan@parliament.tas.gov.au)

Dear Mr Green

Right to Information Request – 18 November 2015

I refer to your request pursuant to the *Right to Information Act 2009 (RTI Act)* received on 18 November 2015 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 an assessed disclosure as follows:

- a) A copy of all information relating to external consultants engaged from 1 August 2014 to current. A copy of all information relating to the name of the consulting firm, the dates of the engagement period, the reason for their engagement, and the total cost of each consultant, including any travel and accommodation.

2. Determination and Reasons for Determination

2.1 Information relevant to the Request

I have determined that the following information is relevant to your request.

Information relevant to your request was published in the Corporation's Annual Report 2015 in accordance with the reporting requirements of the Buy Local Guidelines for Tasmanian Government Businesses Version 1 September 2014 and covers the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015. A copy of this information is attached covering all charges received from the consultant including airfares and accommodation where applicable. You may also find this and other interesting information on our website <http://www.hydro.com.au/about-us/publications/annual-reports>.

Under section 17 of the *RTI Act*, I have deferred the provision of the remainder of your request as a decision had been made, before the receipt of your request for an assessed disclosure, to disclose the information as a routine disclosure annually in the Corporation's Annual Report. The consultancy details for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 will be published in our 2016 Annual Report within 12 months from the date of your request.

We trust that the information provided is suitable to your requirements.

3. Review of Rights


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

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

Chief Executive Officer
Hydro Tasmania
4 Elizabeth Street
HOBART TAS 7000

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan W. Evans', with a large, sweeping horizontal stroke underneath.

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Procurement summary

Consultancies valued at more than \$50,000 (ex GST), 2014–15

Name of consultant	Location	Description	Period of engagement	Total paid (AUD)
Pitt & Sherry (Operations) Pty Ltd	Launceston, TAS	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	736,290.03
Ernst & Young	Sydney, NSW	Financial consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	490,722.24
Capgemini Australia Pty Ltd	Sydney, NSW	Information technology consultants	23 Sep 2014–30 Jun 2015	453,019.95
Corrs Chambers Westgarth	Melbourne, VIC	Legal advisors	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	361,471.71
GHD	Hobart, TAS	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	361,171.23
Damwatch Engineering Ltd	Wellington, NZ	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	375,903.50
Page Seager	Hobart, TAS	Legal advisors	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	325,344.05
Clayton Utz	Sydney, NSW	Legal advisors	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	283,436.47
Pitcher Partners	Melbourne, VIC	Information technology consultants	1 Oct 2014–30 Jun 2015	279,814.00
Pitt & Sherry Consulting Engineers	Hobart, TAS	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	243,922.58
Partners in Performance International	Sydney, NSW	Financial consultants	15 Dec 2014–30 Mar 2015	226,744.17
SICC Services	Devonport, TAS	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	194,904.00
KPMG	Melbourne, VIC	Financial consultants	10 Dec 2014–30 Jun 2015	192,264.98
Marsden Jacob Associates	Camberwell, VIC	Financial consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	191,405.00
Howarth Fisher and Associates	Sandy Bay, TAS	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	177,794.55
URS Australia Pty Ltd	Southbank, VIC	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	177,253.35
Clutch Consulting Pty Ltd	Forestville, SA	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	139,468.02
Celsius Graphic Design	Collingwood, VIC	Marketing consultants	28 Jan 2015–30 Jun 2015	127,849.39
E3 International Pty Ltd	Surfers Paradise, QLD	Strategic advisory services	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	118,579.66
Mark G Jackson Consulting	East Launceston, TAS	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	118,411.70
Worley Parsons Services Pty Ltd	Melbourne, VIC	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	118,230.68
Herbert Smith Freehills	Melbourne, VIC	Legal advisors	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	114,840.47
Profile Consulting (Aust) Pty Ltd	Sydney, NSW	Strategic advisory services	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	109,527.17
Biosis Pty Ltd	Port Melbourne, VIC South Hobart, TAS	Environmental consultant	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	108,934.08
Johnstone McGee & Gandy P/L	Hobart, TAS	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	108,455.00
Frontier Economics	Melbourne, VIC	Financial consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	100,382.89
Jurutera Jasa (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd	Kuching, Sarawak	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Oct 2014	109,206.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff	Newcastle upon Tyne, UK	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	108,101.64
Sheldon Harris	Melbourne, VIC	Strategic advisory services	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	93,889.72
Aquasia Pty Limited	Sydney, NSW	Strategic advisory services	12 Dec 2014–28 Feb 2015	86,428.92
Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd	Brisbane, QLD	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–28 Feb 2015	82,627.19
Wise Lord & Ferguson	Hobart, TAS	Financial consultants	1 Jul 2014–19 Feb 2015	78,580.00
Ernst & Young	Melbourne, VIC	Financial consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	75,670.00
White Legal Pty Ltd	Brisbane, QLD	Legal advisors	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	65,831.29
Acurus Pty Ltd	Melbourne, VIC	Information technology consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	62,565.44
Gruzza Associates Ltd	Porirua, NZ	Engineering consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	61,881.88
Gondwana Heritage Solutions	Oatlands, TAS	Heritage consultants	5 Aug 2014–30 Jun 2015	61,355.97
Joule Logic	Battery Point, TAS	Environmental consultant	13 Oct 2014–29 Apr 2015	60,250.02
K & L Gates	Melbourne, VIC	Legal advisors	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	59,830.11
GeoPacific Consultants	Port Moresby, PNG	Engineering consultants	8 Feb 2015–30 Jun 2015	57,784.76
KPMG	Hobart, TAS	Financial consultants	10 Nov 2014–31 Mar 2015	54,600.00
Deloitte Growth Solutions Pty Ltd	Hobart, TAS	Financial consultants	1 Jul 2014–30 Jun 2015	53,965.00
Total				7,408,708.80
Total expenditure on 233 other consultants engaged for \$50 000 or less				3,017,957.60
Total payments to consultants				10,426,666.40