

23 March 2016

Mr Edward O'Connor
Journalist
ABC News
Tasmania

Dear Mr O'Connor,

Right to Information Request - 23 February 2016

I refer to your request pursuant to the *Right to Information Act 2009* (RTI Act) received on 23 February 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

Your request was for:

1. Communication including, but not restricted to emails, briefings and memos, meeting minutes - between Basslink Telecoms and Hydro Tasmania
2. Communication including, but not restricted to emails, briefings, memos, meeting minutes - between TasNetworks and Hydro Tasmania
3. Communication including, but not restricted to emails, briefings, memos, meeting minutes - between the Minister for Energy Matthew Groom, his office, and Hydro Tasmania

Dating between December 20 2014 and December 20, 2015.

- Outlining faults, maintenance issues, concerns relating to the risk or likelihood of a fault, or a break down, pertaining to the Basslink Cable,
- Outlining requests for additional funding for upkeep, or concerns over a lack or a shortfall of funding, pertaining to the Basslink Cable.

Herein referred to as 'the request'.

2. Determination and Reasons for Determination of Request

I have undertaken a search of the information held by Hydro Tasmania and its subsidiaries to locate any records that may be relevant to the Request and have determined as follows.

2.1 Information relevant to the Request Part 1

Hydro Tasmania does not have any information related to communications between 'Basslink Telecoms and Hydro Tasmania outlining faults, maintenance issues, concerns relating to the risk or likelihood of a fault, or a break down, pertaining to the

Basslink Cable, or Outlining requests for additional funding for upkeep, or concerns over a lack or a shortfall of funding, pertaining to the Basslink Cable’.

2.2 Information relevant to the Request Part 2

Hydro Tasmania does not have any information related to communications ‘between TasNetworks and Hydro Tasmania outlining faults, maintenance issues, concerns relating to the risk or likelihood of a fault, or a break down, pertaining to the Basslink Cable, or outlining requests for additional funding for upkeep, or concerns over a lack or a shortfall of funding, pertaining to the Basslink Cable’.

2.3 Information relevant to the Request Part 3

Hydro Tasmania does not have any information related to communications ‘between the Minister for Energy Matthew Groom and Hydro Tasmania outlining faults, maintenance issues, concerns relating to the risk or likelihood of a fault, or a break down, pertaining to the Basslink Cable, or outlining requests for additional funding for upkeep, or concerns over a lack or a shortfall of funding, pertaining to the Basslink Cable’.

3. Review of Rights

You are entitled under Section 43 of the RTI Act to apply 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 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 request is now considered closed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan W. Evans', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

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