

4 December 2017

Scott Hansen  
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Dear Mr Hansen

### **Right to Information Request 7 November 2017**

I refer to your request pursuant to the Right to Information Act 2009 (RTI Act) received on 7 November 2017 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 information in relation to the history of the electricity distribution network in approximately mid 1951 in the area now known as Parsons Bay Rd, Nubeena. You've indicated that any information relating to assets in the area would be of great interest.

Specifically, you have requested:

1. Any plans or maps that show the dates and positioning of lines and poles in the area specified by the supplied coordinates.
2. Generation 1 pole planting dates that relate to the current pole numbers:
  - Pole # 355823
  - Pole # 355828
  - Pole # 355858
3. Initial connection dates for meters numbered B990723 500822 451558 710406 (all Current Aurora #)
4. Dates that relate to the original transformer now positioned at 115 Parsons Bay Rd

(Collectively "the Request")

#### **2. Information identified**

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.

With the assistance of Emma Breward from our Legal Services Team, our Information Management Team and the State Library and Archives Service, I have searched specifically for the co-ordinates, the pole numbers, the meter numbers, the address and the names provided.

I have also searched more broadly for transmission infrastructure information from the approximate era of the mid 1950's.

Unfortunately, the only information I have located of any relevance to the Request were two wayleave easement files from the mid-1990s which relate to your property. I understand that Emma has told you about these files and you have confirmed that they are not useful.

Our searches have turned up nothing else.

Upon disaggregation of the Hydro-Electric Commission in 1997 into three separate entities; Hydro Tasmania, Transend (now called TasNetworks) and Aurora, the files and records relating to retail, generation, transmission and distribution activities were transferred to the business to which they best related. In all likelihood, all records related to transmission infrastructure were transferred to TasNetworks. Given that the records you seek are from the 1950s, it is very possible that they have been destroyed.

I understand that you've already sought the information from TasNetworks without success. Perhaps you could enquire whether TasNetworks' search went so far as to include information which has been archived and is held by the State Library and Archive Service on their behalf.

## **2. Determination and Reasons for Determination of Request**

As I have identified no information which is responsive to the Request, it was not necessary to make a determination as to your Request.

Should you have any questions in relation to your Request 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.

Right to Information Officer & Corporation Secretary

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