



P.C. Sweeney

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Dear P.C. Sweeney

Decision on your Freedom of Information request

I refer to your request dated and received by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (**department**) on 21 August 2024 for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (**FOI Act**) to the following documents:

I refer to this media Release dated 21 August 2024:

"In a massive step towards making Australia a renewable energy superpower, the Albanese Government has approved a huge new industrial solar power project in the Northern Territory. SunCable's Australia-Asia Power Link will be the biggest solar farm in Australia and is expected to generate up to 6GW of renewable energy including 4GW to be used in Darwin - which is the energy equivalent to power 3 million homes."

The documents I seek are documents that would provide details of the estimated number of solar panels to be used on any or all of the stages of this project, as well as details where these solar panels would be manufactured.

I also seek documents that would provide details of any batteries included in the project to store electricity produced during daylight hours to provide electricity at night.

Details of where these batteries would be manufactured, if available, would be included in the request.'

I also refer to the email sent to you on 11 September 2024 advising you that the documents located in relation to this matter were publicly available and seeking your written confirmation to agree to withdraw your FOI request. As a response was not received, a follow up email was sent to you on 16 September 2024. To date, a response has not been received from you.

My decision

The department holds two documents (totalling 112 pages) that relate to your request.

I have decided to grant you **full access** to the documents.

Charges

I have decided not to impose a charge for processing your FOI request on this occasion.

How we will send your documents to you

The documents are attached.

You can ask for a review of my decision

If you wish to seek an internal review, you must apply to the department within **30 days** after the day you are notified of this decision. An application for internal review must be made in writing by post to the FOI Officer or email to foi@dcceew.gov.au.

Alternatively, you may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (**OAIC**) to review my decision. An application for review by the Information Commissioner must be made in writing within **30 days** after the day you are notified of this decision. You can also make a complaint to the Information Commissioner if you have concerns about how the department handled your request.

You can find information about requesting a review, making a complaint, and other information about FOI on the OAIC website www.oaic.gov.au or phone the OAIC on 1300 363 992.

Further assistance

If you have any questions, please email foi@dcceew.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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19 September 2024

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR RELEASE

LEX - 77989

Doc No.	Pages	Date	Description	Decision	Comments
1.	63	March 2022	Sun Cable's environmental assessment - Chapter 2 – Proposal Description – Part 1	Release in full	Documents are also publicly available on the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority website at: https://ntepa.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1099287/Chapter-02-1-Proposal-Description.pdf
2.	49	March 2022	Sun Cable's environmental assessment - Chapter 2 – Proposal Description – Part 2	Release in full	Documents are also publicly available on the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority website at: ntepa.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/1099288/Chapter-02-2-Proposal-Description.pdf