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Dear Simon

Freedom of Information Request: Cost/Benefit Analysis of Bureau of Meteorology smart-phone weather application – Release of document

1. I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), made 8 October 2016.
2. On 13 February 2017 I wrote to notify you of my decision in this matter. I found that there was one document in scope of your request and that parts of the document regarding business affairs are exempt under s 47G of the FOI Act.
3. As set out in my decision, s 27 of the FOI Act and related parts of the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's *Guidelines under s 93A of the FOI Act* (FOI Guidelines), set out the process for consultation with third parties in regard to documents which may relate to their business, commercial or financial affairs.
4. Paragraph 3.76 of the Guidelines states:

Where an agency or minister is required to consult with a third party:

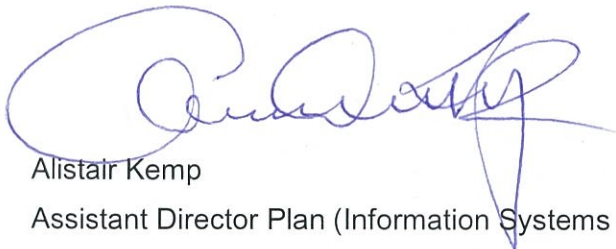
 - The timeframe for making a decision is extended by 30 days
 - Any submissions by the third party must be considered
 - The third party must be given notice of the decision and their review rights, and
 - The applicant will only be given access to a document when the third party's opportunities for review have run out.
5. Consultation under s 27 of the Act took place with a relevant third party in regard to the document in scope of your request. As noted above, I decided that parts of the document are exempt under s 47G and that the remaining parts of the document are not exempt and can be released to you. However, your access to those parts of the document that are not exempt has been deferred until all opportunities for review or appeal of my decision by the third party concerned, have run out and this decision still stands.
6. All opportunities for review or appeal of my decision by an aggrieved third party have now run out and my decision still stands. Therefore, I enclose a copy of the document for you. Exempt material has been redacted.

_____ Australia's National Meteorological Service _____

For further information

7. I have also enclosed a copy of my decision sent to you on 13 February 2017, which sets out options available to you in regard to complaints or review of my decision. If you have any questions about this letter, or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact FOI@bom.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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