



27 April 2017

Ref: FOI 2017-03-29

Mr Dan Monceaux
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Dear Mr Monceaux

Thank you for your email of 29 March 2017 in relation to your request seeking access to documents in the possession of the Fisheries Research & Development Corporation (FRDC) in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the FOI Act).

Your request seeks access to the following documents:

Request digital copies of the minutes of all meetings of the South Australian Research Advisory Council (RAC) which contain discussion of the following subjects:

- *finfish aquaculture*
- *nutrient loading*
- *multitrophic aquaculture*
- *cuttlefish*

A thorough search has been undertaken for relevant documents and the FRDC has in their possession 2 documents that fall within the scope and meeting the terms of the request.

Decision

I have made a decision to grant access to the documents meeting the terms of the request, with FRDC redacting personal names from those documents before their release, as previously noted in the letter provided to you on 11 April 2017.

The Act provides for charges for the processing of a FOI request and the FRDC is entitled to recover some of the costs associated with processing your request. These charges may relate to the time spent searching for and retrieving documents, decision making time, and other costs.

As an authorised officer of the FRDC in accordance with subsection 23(1) of the Act to make a decision about the charge for your request, I have made a decision to impose a charge in accordance with section 29 of the Act.

An estimated total charge for your request has been assessed as follows:

3.77 hours — Search and Retrieval time @ \$15 per hour	\$56.50
3.73 hours — Examine, consult & preparation time @ \$20 per hour	\$74.53
Total charge	\$131.03

To ensure the continued processing of your request, payment of \$131.03 is required.





Your cheque should be made payable to Fisheries Research & Development Corporation, and forwarded to the following address or alternatively contact the FOI Officer for electronic funds transfer information:

Freedom of Information Officer
Fisheries Research & Development Corporation
Locked bag 222
Deakin West ACT 2600

The Act requires that within 30 days of receipt of this letter you either:

- agree to pay the charge and make payment of \$131.03
- seek remission or reduction of the charge; or
- withdraw your request.

If a response is not received within 30 days it will be taken that your request has been withdrawn.

You may contend that the charge has been wrongly assessed, or should be reduced or not imposed. If you choose to apply for the charge not be imposed, you should clearly outline your reasons in writing, and forward them to the FOI Officer at the address above.

Consequently, once I have received your payment, referred to above, the documents will be released.

Publication of information in the FOI disclosure log

Information released under the FOI Act may be published in a disclosure log on the FRDC's website at http://frdc.com.au/about_frdc/foi/Pages/disclosure_log.aspx.

You can contact the FRDC's Freedom of Information Officer on telephone 02 62850 400 or email foi@frdc.com.au for any further assistance with your request.

Yours sincerely

Dr Patrick Hone
Executive Director

