

Richard Smith



Australian Government

**Great Barrier Reef
Marine Park Authority**

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Dear Mr Smith

Your Freedom of Information Request – FOI 18/198

I refer to your request for access to documents relating to scientific advice provided to the Minister of Environment and Energy under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

You have requested:

- a) Documents relating to advice provided by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (the Authority) in the period 1 January 2017 to 30th April 2018 to the Minister of Environment and Energy, or representatives of the Minister's office regarding initiatives to protect the Great Barrier Reef; and
- b) Documents relating to the Authority's scientific and conservation management policy in regards to the Great Barrier Reef in force as at 1st March 2018; and
- c) Documents relating to the Authority's policy in force as at 1st March 2018 on funding scientific, conservation or restoration activities, research and grants specifically focused on the Great Barrier Reef; and
- d) Documents relating to any request for information from the Minister of Environment and Energy, or representatives of the Minister's office to the Authority regarding scientific, conservation, restoration or management in the period 1 January 2017 to 30th April 2018.

We received your request on 5 October 2018, and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision from us by 5 November 2018. The period of 30 days may be extended if we need to consult with third parties. You will be notified in writing if the Authority determines that such an extension is necessary.

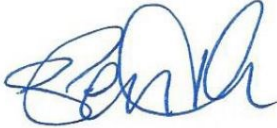
You will be notified of any charge payable for processing your request.

Please note that information released under the FOI Act may later be published online on our disclosure log (<http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/home/freedom-of-information-requests/foi>) subject to certain exceptions (for example, personal information will not be published where this would be unreasonable).

We will contact you using the email address you provided. Please advise if you would prefer us to use an alternative means of contact.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Leisa Pendle, Senior Legal Officer on (07) 4750 0721 or foi@gbrmpa.gov.au .

Yours sincerely



Leisa Pendle
Senior Legal Officer, Legal Services

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