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Mr Richard Smith
Right to Know

Via Email: foi+request-4863-042aeb72@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Smith

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your email of Friday, 5 October 2018, which contained a request, pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth), for access to:

"I therefore request the following Government Information documents:

- a) Documents relating to advice provided by the CSIRO 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 CSIRO'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 CSIRO'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 CSIRO regarding scientific, conservation, restoration or data management of the Great Barrier Reef in the period 1 January 2017 to 30th April 2018."*

Acknowledgement

CSIRO 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 CSIRO by **Monday, 5 November 2018**. The period of 30 days may be

extended if we need to consult third parties pursuant to sections 27 and 27A of the FOI Act, in relation to their personal information and/or their business affairs contained in the documents you are seeking. CSIRO will advise you if this happens.

Under the FOI Act charges may be imposed for processing your request pursuant to section 29. These charges are calculated by reference to the time spent in searching and retrieving relevant documents, decision making time, photocopying, postage etc. In the event CSIRO decides that you are liable to pay a charge in respect of processing your request, you will be notified of the preliminary assessment of the charges and you will have the opportunity to contend that the charge should not be imposed, or should be reduced.

Please note that information released under the FOI Act may later be published online on CSIRO's disclosure log, subject to certain exceptions. For example, personal information will not be published where this would be unreasonable.

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

Yours sincerely,

Karen Robinson
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CSIRO