



Mr Richard Smith

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Dear Mr Smith

Freedom of Information Request No. 181207 – Deemed Withdrawal

On 12 February 2019 a letter was sent to you advising that you were required to pay a charge of \$650.00 before the Department could continue to process your FOI request.

The letter advised you that within 30 days you were required to notify the Department that you either:

- agree to pay the charge,
- wish to contend that the charge has been wrongly assessed, should be reduced or not imposed or both; and if so provide reasons, or
- withdraw the request.

Section 29 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* provides that if an applicant fails to undertake one of the above actions within the 30 day period, the request is taken to have been withdrawn. As the Department has not received your payment or any correspondence from you, your request is taken to be withdrawn.

If you have any queries in relation to this letter, please contact the FOI Contact Officer by telephone on 02 6274 2098 or by email at foi@environment.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'G' followed by a long horizontal line.

Geoff Richardson
Assistant Secretary
Protected Species and Communities Branch

20 March 2019