



**Dan Monceaux**

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Dear Mr Monceaux

**Freedom of Information Request No. 190909**  
**Notification of third party consultation**

I refer to your request of 9 September 2019 to the Department of the Environment and Energy (the **Department**) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the **FOI Act**). Your request seeks access to:

*Copies of all documentation and correspondence held by the Department that detailing the rationale for the decision to deem EPBC Referral 2019/8420 - Cultana Pumped Hydro Energy Scheme a Controlled Action.*

**Third party consultation**

I have identified three third parties that might reasonably wish to make an exemption contention pursuant to section 26A of the FOI Act (documents affecting Commonwealth-State relations) and three third parties pursuant to section 27 of the FOI Act (business documents).

Pursuant to section 15(6)(b) of the FOI Act, I have decided that the statutory timeframe for processing this request should be extended by 30 days to allow for consultation to occur with these third parties.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew McNee', written over a light blue horizontal line.

**Andrew McNee**  
Assistant Secretary  
Assessments and Governance Branch

**3** October 2019