



Dan Monceaux

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Dear Mr Monceaux

Freedom of Information Request No. 190910
Notification of third party consultation

I refer to your request of 9 September 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 submissions received by the Department in response to EPBC Referral 2019/8420 - Cultana Pumped Hydro Energy Scheme.

Third party consultation

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

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 the third party.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew McNee', written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Andrew McNee
Assistant Secretary
Assessments and Governance Branch

3 October 2019