

John Smith

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Dear Mr Smith

Freedom of Information Request No. FOI 200603 Notification of third party consultation

I refer to your request of 22 June 2020 to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (the **Department**) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the **FOI Act**). Your request seeks access to:

I seek to obtain a copy of all heritage assessments that have been made by the department, in association with the Shenhua open cut coal mine in NSW.

Additionally, I seek to obtain copies of all documents that contain written reasons by the Environment Minister Sussan Ley, for all approvals that have been made by her in association with this site; since she has taken office.

Please exclude written reasons for approvals, unless those approvals were made by Sussan Ley as minister or a delegate of the minister.

Third party consultation

I have identified one third party that might reasonably wish to make an exemption contention pursuant to section 27A of the FOI Act (personal information).

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

James Barker Assistant Secretary

Heritage Branch

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