GPO Box 4509 Melbourne, Victoria 3001 Australia Telephone: +61 3 9651 9999 DX 210074

Our ref: 7458

Mr Benjamin Garrett

foi+request-8883-ba088e8d@righttoknow.org.au By email:

Dear Mr Garrett,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - NOTICE OF DECISION - REF: 7458

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act) validly received by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions on 25 May 2022 seeking access to:

'I hereby request under the Freedom of Information Act (1982) access to all documents held by the agency in relation to the following:

- (a) Requests for Cloud-seeding in Victoria to induce rainfall in another State, as per RAIN-MAKING CONTROL ACT 1967 - SECT 8
- (b) Reports on rain-making operations as per the RAIN-MAKING CONTROL ACT 1967 - SECT 13'

Right of access

The FOI Act provides the public with the right of access to documents held by state government agencies and official documents of ministers. However, in order to protect essential public interests, for example, the privacy of individuals and certain business affairs, this right of access does not apply to documents that are identified as exempt under the FOI Act.

The FOI Act also allows agencies and ministers to partially release documents if practicable to do so and if the applicant would wish to access such documents.

Document search

The Agriculture group undertook a thorough and diligent search of emails, electronic files, and ministerial correspondence databases, including archives and located no documents relating to the terms of your request.

Complaint or review to the Victorian Information Commissioner

If you wish to complain about an aspect of how this request was processed, you may make a submission in writing to the Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner within 60 days of



OFFICIAL

the date of the action you are complaining about. For further information about the process, please visit the Commissioner's website at http://ovic.vic.gov.au or telephone 1300 006 842.

Contact

Please feel free to contact me by email at foi@ecodev.vic.gov.au if you have any questions about this decision.

Yours sincerely

Alexandra Henderson

A/Manager, Freedom of Information Legal and Legislation

02/ 06/2022