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EPA Ref: FOI-21-17

Senator Rex Patrick

Senator for South Australia

via email:

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Dear Senator

I refer to your Freedom of Information (FOI) application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the FOI Act), dated 13 October 2021, for access to the following documents:

- 1. A copy of the latest draft of the new regional water quality guidelines values – in a marine context*
- 2. A copy of any document that contains the results of the peer review process relating to the creation of the guidelines referred to above.*

On 2 November 2021, the EPA's Principal FOI Officer, Mr Tony Circelli, advised that he had determined that, pursuant to section 14A of the FOI Act, the due date to respond to your request of 12 November 2021 would be extended to 13 December 2021 due to the likelihood that consultation would be required with third parties.

Following a search of EPA records, I have determined that 2 documents fall within the scope of your application and is listed in the attached document schedule.

Determination

I determined to:

- Grant full access to 2 documents

Please note, Document 1 and 2 is a draft discussion paper containing details of EPA scientific work that would form part of EPA consideration in reviewing water quality trigger values. This draft discussion paper would be open to scientific peer review and is considered draft.

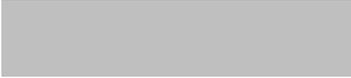
Right of appeal

If you are unhappy with this determination you are entitled to apply for an internal review in accordance with section 29 of the FOI Act. To make an internal review application, please either write a letter or send the attached form entitled Application for Review of Determination to the Chief Executive of the Environment Protection Authority, Mr Tony Circelli, within 30 (calendar) days after you receive this letter. Should you submit an application for an Internal Review, please include an application fee of \$38.25.

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application may be published in the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>.

If you have any queries in relation to this determination please contact Mr Luciano Palumbo, Freedom of Information / Public Register Administrator on 8204 9128 or email luciano.palumbo@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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