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Mr Peter Malinauskas MP

Office of the Leader of the Opposition

via email:

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Dear Mr Malinauskas

I refer to your Freedom of Information (FOI) application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the FOI Act), dated 24 November 2021, for access to the following documents:

Copies of all credit card statements for credit cards held by all Executive Assistants/Personal Assistants in the Office of Chief Executive for Environment Protection Authority.

Copies of all documents and records including but not limited to financial statements, bank statements, credit card statements, briefings, minutes, correspondence, reports, emails, receipts, letters, and written notes of reimbursements paid to the Chief Executive for Environment Protection Authority.

From 25/03/2018 to 23/11/2021.

On 24 November 2021 the application was amended to:

Copies of all credit card statements for credit cards that show details of transactions held by all Executive Assistants/Personal Assistants in the Office of Chief Executive for Environment Protection Authority, including reimbursements paid to the Chief Executive for Environment Protection Authority.

From 25/03/2018 to 23/11/2021

Following a search of EPA records, 3 documents fall within the scope of your application. I have considered each of the documents and have made the following determination.

Determination

I determine to:

- Grant partial access to 3 documents

The reasons I have granted partial access to these documents is explained in more detail below.

Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act, Documents affecting personal affairs:

- (1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

Document 3 contains matter concerning the personal affairs of a person. I consider the disclosure of this information to be unreasonable and consider that information to be exempt from release under clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 to the FOI Act. This information has subsequently been redacted.

Information out of scope of the FOI application

Documents 1, 2 and 3 contain matters considered out of the scope of this FOI application. This information has subsequently been redacted.

Public interest factors considered

In making this determination I have taken the following public interest factors into consideration:

Pro release

- Pro-release of documents meets the objects of the FOI Act.
- Particulars relating to this subject are already in the public domain.
- Information is of direct interest to the public

Against release

- Contains information concerning the personal affairs of a person which do not relate to the FOI request

On balance, I consider the public interest factors against releasing the documents outweigh those for release.

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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Date: 10 December 2021