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Dear Senator

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the FOI Act), received by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 5 May 2021, for access to:

1. *A copy of the latest draft of the new regional water quality guidelines values.*
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 20 May 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 4 June 2021 would be extended to 4 August 2021 due to the likelihood that consultation would be required with third parties.

Following a search of EPA records I have determined that one document falls within the scope of your application and is listed in the attached document schedule.

Determination

The Environment Protection Authority determines to:

- Grant full access to one document

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

Right of appeal

If you are dissatisfied 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 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, or request a fee waiver.

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

Should you have any queries in relation to this determination please contact Ms Kathleen Dean Freedom of Information / Public Register Administrator on (08) 8204 2113 or email kathleen.dean@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Date: 3 August 2021