

**Right to Information Act 2009**  
**Application for Assessed Disclosure**

**Applicant's Details:**

**Name:**

**Title:**

**Postal Address:**

**Daytime contact information:**

**Telephone:**

Business

Home

Mobile

**Email:**

**Public Authority or Minister applied to:**

**General topic of information applied for:**

(one sentence summary of information requested)

**Description of efforts made prior to this application to obtain this information:**

**Application Fee or Application to Waive the Fee:**

**Application fee included (please tick)**

Cheque or credit card payable to Forest Practices Authority \$39.50  
(fee current as at 1 July 2018)

Office Use: Fee Received and Receipted:

YES/NO

**OR**

<p><b>Application for waiver:</b> (please indicate category)</p>	<p>Member of Parliament, in relation to official business</p>		<p>Financial Hardship (eg holder of a Commonwealth Health Care Card)</p>		<p>General public interest or benefit (you will need to show that you intend to use the information for this purpose)</p>	
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Reason Application fee should be waived:

(If there is insufficient room in the space provided please attach further details.)

**Details of the information sought:**

(If there is insufficient room in the space provided please attach further details.)

**Applicants Signature:**

**Date:**

# Right to Information Act 2009

## Object of the Act

Section 3 of the Act includes this statement of the objects of the Act:

- (1)** *The object of this Act is to improve democratic government in Tasmania –*
- (a) by increasing the accountability of the executive to the people of Tasmania; and*
  - (b) by increasing the ability of the people of Tasmania to participate in their governance; and*
  - (c) by acknowledging that information collected by public authorities is collected for and on behalf of the people of Tasmania and is the property of the State.*
- (2)** *This object is to be pursued by giving members of the public the right to obtain information held by public authorities and Ministers.*
- (3)** *This object is also to be pursued by giving members of the public the right to obtain information about the operations of Government.*
- (4)** *It is the intention of Parliament –*
- (a) that this Act be interpreted so as to further the object set out in subsection (1); and*
  - (b) that discretions conferred by this Act be exercised so as to facilitate and promote, promptly and at the lowest reasonable cost, the provision of the maximum amount of official information.*

## Applications for assessed disclosure

- Applications are to be addressed to:  
Forest Practices Authority  
30 Patrick Street  
Hobart 7000.
- Applications are to be made in writing and include the information required by Regulation 4 of the *Right to Information Regulations 2010*.
- Applications are to be accompanied by the application fee of 25 fee units. Fee units are indexed annually; the current rate can be found [here](#). As an indication of the amount, 25 fee units were \$38.25 in 2016–17.
- An applicant can apply for the application fee to be waived where the applicant is a Member of Parliament in the pursuit of their official duty; where the applicant is impecunious; and where the information sought is intended to be used for a purpose that is of general public interest or benefit.

## Responsibilities of the public authority

- Applicants are to be notified of the decision on an application for assessed disclosure within 20 working days of the application being accepted by the public authority.
- Before the application is accepted, the public authority has a maximum of 10 working days to negotiate with the applicant to further define the application.
- If a need to consult with a third party arises, a further 20 working days will be allowed in addition to the original 20 days.
- If these time limits are not conformed with, the application will be deemed to be refused and the applicant may apply to the Ombudsman for a review of that decision.
- The FPA may publish information released in response to a request for assessed disclosure of information made under the *Right to Information Act 2009*.