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Dear Mr Stott

Re: Right to Information Review: Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE).

I acknowledge receipt of your application under the *Right to Information Act 2009* dated 23 May 2014 for a review of a decision made by John Whittington, Principal Officer, DPIPWE on 21 May 2014.

In support of the application you have lodged:

- Your application for assessed disclosure
- The decision of John Whittington dated 21 May 2014
- Your submission dated 25 May 2014 and attachments
- E-mail dated 30 April 2014 to you from Justine Stansen, Principal Legal Advisor, Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry

Review decisions will usually be prepared in the order of receipt of the applications for review. **There are currently 15 applications for review which must be dealt with before considering your application. I cannot therefore advise you of a time frame for the completion of the review. A decision will not be given priority unless the Ombudsman is persuaded that this is required by the special circumstances of the case. Any request to expedite the review should be in writing advising of the precise grounds upon which it is made.**

Yours sincerely

Catherine Edwards
INVESTIGATION OFFICER

28 May 2014