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Your Ref:
Our File: 60757 - FOI08/6

28 August 2008

Mr Clive Stott

Dear Mr Stott

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST – FOI08/6 REVIEW

In response to your letter dated 1 August 2008 (but received 19 August) I have conducted an internal review of your amended request.

I note that you have asked for a review "on these two outstanding matters" without specifying just what these are; I have interpreted this request to be in relation to:

- (i) the decision that provision of all individual burn plans (235 of) for the Bass, Mersey and Murchison Districts would unreasonably divert the resources of Forestry Tasmania; and
- (ii) the decision to charge \$5 per burn plan for those plans you may subsequently specify.

I have decided to uphold our original advice that your request for all 235 plans is a voluminous request and would unreasonably divert the resources of Forestry Tasmania and is therefore exempt under section 20(1) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*. However, as previously advised, a reasonable number of these plans can be produced and forwarded to you for the price indicated.

As to the matter of price, I believe that the quoted fee of \$5 is in fact well below the likely actual retrieval and copy cost per plan, but as that fee has already been offered to you, I will not change it. I note that you say _____ but that does not constitute being impecunious as the Act requires in order for there to be a waiver of the fee.

Under Section 48 of the FOI Act you may apply to the Ombudsman for a review of these decisions.

Yours sincerely

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