



Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Freedom of Information Request

Send to: Information Access and Privacy Unit
Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action
PO Box 500
East Melbourne Vic 8002

Email: foi.unit@deeca.vic.gov.au

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Description of documents sought:

I understand that further reasonable charges for photocopying and other processing costs may be applicable.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send the application form with a cheque or money order (payable to DEECA) for \$33.60.

If you wish to lodge your request online and pay by credit card you may do so via
<https://ovic.vic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/make-your-request-online/>

If you wish to pay by BPay, please contact us for a payment form.

FOI fees and charges are not subject to GST.

Privacy Statement

Any personal information about you or a third party in your correspondence will be protected under the provisions of the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*. It will only be used or disclosed to appropriate Ministerial, Statutory Authority, or departmental staff in regard to the purpose for which it was provided, unless required or authorized by law. Enquiries about access to information about you held by the Department should be directed to foi.unit@deeca.vic.gov.au or Information Access and Privacy Unit, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, PO Box 500, East Melbourne, Victoria 8002.

Costs

There are two costs associated with making an FOI request:

- application fee
- access charges

The **application fee** is a fixed cost. The only exception is for people suffering hardship who can ask the agency to waive the application fee. Supporting evidence, such as a health care card, needs to be provided.

Access charges relate to the costs incurred in granting access to the documents that you have requested.

These costs may or may not apply depending on the nature of your request. All fees and charges are exempt from GST.

Application Fee

Application fee - \$33.60 (non-refundable unless fee is waived)

Access Charges

Search charges – \$25.20 per hour or part of an hour (1.5 fee units) Report production - The reasonable costs incurred by the agency in producing the report. Supervision charges (access by way of inspection) -\$25.20 (1.5 fee units) – pro rata to each per quarter hour
Photocopying charges - 20c per black and white A4 page
Providing access in a form other than black and white A4 photocopying - the reasonable costs incurred by the agency in providing the copy. Normally the hourly rate of the officer undertaking the work.
Charge for listening to or viewing a tape - the reasonable costs incurred by the agency in making arrangements to listen to or view. (Supervision charges also apply). Normally the hourly rate of the officer undertaking the work.
Charge for making a written transcript out of a tape - the reasonable costs incurred by the agency in providing the written transcript. Normally the hourly rate of the officer undertaking the work.

These charges are set by the *Freedom of Information (Access Charges) Regulations 2014*.

If you have any enquiries please contact us via email: foi.unit@deeca.vic.gov.au