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Dear Mr Patterson

APPLICATION UNDER THE *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991*

I refer to your applications made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), dated 29 September 2022.

Your applications seeks access to:

“A copy of all documents (including but not limited to hard copy or electronic briefings, minutes, reports, emails, letters, meeting agendas, diary entries, event attendance records and any other correspondence) relating to:

*Power generation
Electricity transmission and network connections
Hydrogen storage
Hydrogen production
Electrolysers
Water supply and purification for electrolysis, cooling and amenity purposes
Pipeline and transport infrastructure
Power offtake
Energy supply for the electrolyser
Electricity trading and/or contracting services
Offtake and utility of hydrogen
Utility of oxygen.” Between 20 March to 29 September 2022.*

The legislative prescribed timeframe to determine these applications has expired and is now deemed to have refused you access to all documents relevant to your applications. However, I have determined to process the request as if the statutory timeframe has been met.

I refer to your email to our office stating your preference for these 12 applications to be determined separately. I have made the decision to determine all 12 applications together as there are only a minimal amount of documents captured within the scope of these applications.

An extensive search was conducted within this office. A total of 9 documents were identified as answering the terms of your twelve applications.

I grant you access in part to 1 document; a copy of which is enclosed.
I refuse you access in full to 8 documents.

Documents Released in Part

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Documents Refused in Full

Documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9

Documents Released in Part

Document 6 is released in part as it contains the mobile number of a public servant. I therefore determine this information exempt pursuant to clause 6 to the FOI Act.

Documents Refused in Full

Document 1 is an event brief for the Minister for Energy and Mining who attended the HiTeMP-3 Forum on the 26 September 2022. This is an internal working document prepared for the Minister and I have determined as exempt pursuant to clause 9(1)(a).

Document 3 are speech notes prepared for the Minister for Energy and Mining who attended an hydrogen industry breakfast. This is an internal working document prepared for the Minister and I have determined as exempt pursuant to clause 9(1)(a).

Document 4 are speech notes prepared for the Premier who attended the Goyder South Stage 1 project site on 25 August 2022. This is an internal working document prepared for the Premier and I have determined as exempt pursuant to clause 9(1)(a).

Documents 2, 7 and 8 are documents which were specifically prepared for Cabinet and/or a committee of Cabinet. I therefore determine to exempt in full these documents pursuant to clause 1(1)(a) of the Act.

Document 5 is a copy of the South Australian Productivity Commission's Final Report into the Inquiry into South Australia's renewable energy competitiveness. The final report is publicly available and therefore I have not provided to you.

Document 9 is a copy of the Market Sounding Request for Information for South Australia's Hydrogen Jobs Plan. This information is already publicly available and therefore is not released.

Exemption

Clause 1—Cabinet documents

- (1) A document is an exempt document—
 - (a) if it is a document that has been specifically prepared for submission to Cabinet (whether or not it has been so submitted)

Clause 6 – Documents affecting personal affairs

- (1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

Please note, in compliance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 - *Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information* (PC045), details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published in the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at the following address: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. Please visit the website for further information.

No fees and charges are payable for this application.

If you are unhappy 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 complete *Application for Review of Determination* form, to the Principal Officer of this agency, the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, within 30 (calendar) days after you receive this letter.

If you require any further information, please contact Vicky Cathro on (08) 7133 1100.

Yours sincerely



Carly McNeill
Accredited FOI Officer

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Schedule of Documents

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Doc. No.	Date	Description of Document	# of pages	Determination Recommendation	Exemption Clause	Reason
1	19/09/2022	Event Brief	3	Refused in full	9(1)(a)(i) - Contains matter relating to opinion, advice or recommendation prepared for decision-making of the Government, a Minister or an agency & contrary to public interest	
2	16/09/2022	Email	6	Refused in full	1(1)(a) - Prepared for Cabinet or Cabinet committee	
3	9/09/2022	Speech Notes	6	Refused in full	9(1)(a)(i) - Contains matter relating to opinion, advice or recommendation prepared for decision-making of the Government, a Minister or an agency & contrary to public interest	
4	25/08/2022	Speech Notes	6	Refused in full	9(1)(a)(i) - Contains matter relating to opinion, advice or recommendation prepared for decision-making of the Government, a Minister or an agency & contrary to public interest	
5	10/08/2022	South Australian Productivity Commission Final Report	135	Refused in full		Publicly available

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6	25/05/2022	Briefing	3	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
7	12/05/2022	Cabinet Submission	13	Refused in full	1(1)(a) - Prepared for Cabinet or Cabinet committee	
8	1/04/2022	Cabinet Submission	6	Refused in full	1(1)(a) - Prepared for Cabinet or Cabinet committee	
9		Attachment to Document 6	8	Refused in full		Publicly available

RELEASE IN PART

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Government of South Australia
Department for Energy and Mining

MO Ref:
DEM Ref: 2022D064589

TO: MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINING

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, HYDROGEN JOBS PLAN

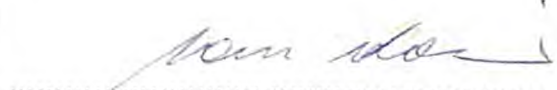
Decision/Action required by: 31 May 2022

Business Unit	Growth and Low Carbon		
Prepared by	Amy Butler Manager, Policy and Government Relations, Office of Hydrogen Power SA [Redacted]	AB <i>(initial)</i>	25/05/2022 <i>(date)</i>
Executive Director	Nick Smith	NS <i>(initial)</i>	25/05/2022 <i>(date)</i>
Endorsed by	Chief Executive	[Signature] <i>(initial)</i>	26/5/2022 <i>(date)</i>

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Minister:

- Note the attached Request for Information document for the Hydrogen Jobs Plan, to be published on the South Australian Tenders and Contracts website on 31 May 2022. Noted
- Note that the Premier will announce the release of the Request for Information during his keynote address to the Australian Hydrogen Conference on 31 May 2022. Noted



 Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINING
 21/6/2022

Comment

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PURPOSE

- To provide you with information about the Request for Information (RFI) documentation in relation to the Hydrogen Jobs Plan to be published on the South Australian Tenders and Contracts website on 31 May 2022.

DECISION / ACTION REQUIRED BY

- For information. The RFI will be published by 31 May 2022, which will allow the Premier to announce its release during his keynote address to the Australian Hydrogen Conference on that same day.

BACKGROUND

- The Hydrogen Jobs Plan (the Plan) is a key election commitment to deliver a large-scale electrolyser facility powered by renewable energy to produce green hydrogen, a hydrogen storage facility and a hydrogen fuelled power station
- The Office of Hydrogen Power South Australia has been established to oversee the delivery of the Plan, with Mr Sam Crafter appointed as the Chief Executive (commencing 30 May 2022).

KEY POINTS

- The Hydrogen Jobs Plan commits to specific targets, to be delivered in the Whyalla and Port Bonython area, which are:
 - Building 250MWe of electrolysers
 - Building 200MW of power generation to be powered by hydrogen produced by the electrolysers
 - Hydrogen storage for 3600 tonnes of hydrogen, or the equivalent of two months of hydrogen consumption for power generation.
- There is considerable flexibility within the parameters of these commitments to consider different methodologies and approaches to deliver the overall project outcomes. There is also significant market and industry interest in the Plan and the processes that will support its delivery.
- Early engagement with the market is essential to collect information from industry which can inform project design and future tender processes. Given the breadth of interest in the Plan, it is also critical to channel all potential interested parties into a single, formal process.
- A "market sounding" RFI process is proposed to seek input from industry across a range of themes to identify pathways to shape the effective delivery of the Plan, and to gather information on technical, system and commercial project approaches, designs and delivery concepts.
- The central themes identified in the RFI document are as follows, supported by a range of complementary themes:
 - Power generation
 - Hydrogen production
 - Renewable energy supply
 - Hydrogen storage



- Offtake and utility of hydrogen
- Offtake and utility of oxygen
- Power offtake.
- Respondents are guided to provide consistent information across the themes, and a range of prompts are included to guide thinking about the information sought.
- The RFI documentation is provided at Attachment 1, which provides the information that will be included in the relevant template and published on the South Australian Tenders and Contracts website.
- A report summarising the findings of the market sounding process will be produced and provided to you.

FINANCIAL AND PROCUREMENT SUMMARY

- Capital funding of \$593 million has been committed to the development and construction of the facilities. Additional funding for the Office of Hydrogen Power South Australia will be confirmed via the upcoming state budget.
- The RFI process does not seek commercial proposals but will inform the approach to future tender processes.
- The RFI documentation will be uploaded on the South Australian Tenders and Contracts website on 31 May 2022, with submissions closing 5PM ACST, 15 July 2022.
- A probity adviser has been appointed to support this process.

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

- A communications strategy has been developed to support the RFI process. The target audience for the RFI will be hydrogen project proponents, OEMs, potential offtakers.
- As well as online and media communications, targeted communications will occur through industry peak bodies, rather than with individual organisations.
- All proponents will be invited to attend the online information sessions offered as part of the market sounding process. These sessions will also be recorded and made available to proponents that were not able to attend.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: Market sounding Request for Information