

EPA ref: FOI-031-2024



By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Owen,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION: NOTICE OF DECISION

This letter is to give you the decision on the request you made for documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act).

Your request is for:

I would like to request

- EPA Auditor Report / Peer Review document of the Sonus LLWF Pre-construction Noise Assessment S54664C11 June 2018.
- AECOM Peer Review Lal Lal Wind Farm Pre-construction Noise Assessment 60571196 30 April 2018.

I do not require personal affairs information of other people in the EPA Auditor Report / Peer Review documents requested.

EPA has identified zero documents relevant to your request.

Decision and reasons for decision

To respond to your request, I asked the South West Regional office and the Environmental Audit Unit (EAU) to search for any relevant documents.

South West Regional office were required to undertake a search because Lal Lal Wind Farm is located in the region for which the South West Regional office is responsible for EPA operations. EAU was asked to search for environmental auditor reports specifically, as EAU is the EPA team that is responsible for management and oversight of all environmental audits that are required by the *Environment Protection Act 2017*, or the now-repealed *Environment Protection Act 1970*.

EAU noted:

- the documents requested by you are not Environmental Audits and are instead pre-construction noise assessments and verifications, which are not submitted to the Environmental Audit Unit for review.
- as pre-construction noise assessments and verifications are triggered through the planning system, you should contact the relevant planning authority or the Lal Lal Wind Farm directly for any further requests to access these documents.

Based on the searches conducted and information provided by the relevant business area, EPA has discovered no documents relevant to your request. Therefore, I advise that the documents you seek either do not exist, or are not held by EPA.

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Under section 27(1)(e) of the Act, as the documents do not exist or cannot, after a thorough and diligent search, be located, I am obliged to inform you of your right to complain to the Information Commissioner. A complaint must be made within 60 days of the date of this letter. The Information Commissioner's contact details are:

1300 006 842

enquiries@ovic.vic.gov.au

PO Box 24274, Melbourne Vic 3001

If you have any questions about this decision, please email me at foi@epa.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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9 April 2024