



By email: [REDACTED] & [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 the EPA Auditor Verification of Lal Lal Wind Farm Noise Management Plan 0467385.

I do not require personal affairs information of other people in the 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 to search for any relevant documents. The South West Regional office was 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.

The South West Regional office advised that as per regulation 131E of the *Environment Protection Regulations 2021*, wind energy facilities must prepare and implement a Noise Management Plans (NMP) and have it verified by an EPA appointed environmental auditor. However, the operator is only required to provide the auditor verified NMP to EPA if it is requested by EPA (regulation 131E(4)). South West have advised that the document you are seeking is not held by EPA.

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.

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:

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

Yours sincerely,



Julia Begley
Freedom of Information Officer
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