



*Right to Information Act 2009*  
**Application for Assessed Disclosure**

**Applicant's Details:**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Title:</b>
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**Postal Address:**

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**Daytime contact information:**

<b>Telephone:</b>	Business	Home	Mobile
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**Email:**

**Public authority or Minister applied to:**

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**General topic of information applied for:**  
(one sentence summary of information requested)

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**Description of efforts made prior to this application to obtain this information:**

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# **Information about assessed disclosure under the *Right to Information Act 2009***

## **Object of the Act**

Section 3 of the Act includes this statement of the objects of the Act:

- (1)** *The object of this Act is to improve democratic government in Tasmania –*

  - (a) by increasing the accountability of the executive to the people of Tasmania; and*
  - (b) by increasing the ability of the people of Tasmania to participate in their governance; and*
  - (c) by acknowledging that information collected by public authorities is collected for and on behalf of the people of Tasmania and is the property of the State.*
  
- (2)** *This object is to be pursued by giving members of the public the right to obtain information held by public authorities and Ministers.*
  
- (3)** *This object is also to be pursued by giving members of the public the right to obtain information about the operations of Government.*
  
- (4)** *It is the intention of Parliament –*

  - (a) that this Act be interpreted so as to further the object set out in subsection (1); and*
  - (b) that discretions conferred by this Act be exercised so as to facilitate and promote, promptly and at the lowest reasonable cost, the provision of the maximum amount of official information.*

## **Applications for assessed disclosure**

- Applications are to be addressed to:  
[insert address here]
  
- Applications are to be made in writing and include the information required by Regulation 4 of the *Right to Information Regulations 2010*.
- Applications are to be accompanied by the application fee. This fee is 25 fee units, which is \$38.75 as at 1 July 2017 and is indexed annually.
- An applicant can apply for the application fee to be waived where the applicant is a Member of Parliament in the pursuit of their official duty; where the applicant is impecunious; and where the information sought is intended to be used for a purpose that is of general public interest or benefit

## **Responsibilities of the public authority**

- Applicants are to be notified of the decision on an application for assessed disclosure within 20 working days of the application being accepted by the public authority.
- Before the application is accepted, the public authority has a maximum of 10 working days to negotiate with the applicant to further define the application.
- If a need to consult with a third party arises, a further 20 working days will be allowed in addition to the original 20 days.
- If these time limits are not conformed with, the application will be deemed to be refused and the applicant may apply to the Ombudsman for a review of that decision.