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Our ref: FOI 2013/17

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Via email: malcolmr@conscious.com.au

Dear Mr Roberts,

Revised request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth)

I refer to your email correspondence yesterday, 10 April 2013, in which you have revised your FOI request of 12 February 2013 in response to the s 24AB(2) notice provided to you on the 25 March 2013.

Your revised request is for access to:

1. *Copies of CSIRO advice, briefings, analysis and reports regarding global warming (aka climate change) to: John Howard Prime Minister from 2005 to 2007; to the Minister for Science being Brendan Nelson in 2005 and January 2006 and Julie Bishop from January 2006 to December 3, 2007; to Minister for the Environment being Senator Ian Campbell in 2005 and January 2006 and Malcolm Turnbull from January 2006 to December 3, 2007; Penny Wong when Climate Change Minister from 2007 to 2010 and Greg Combet when Climate Change minister from 2010 to present.*
2. *Copies of internal CSIRO advice, briefs, reports and analysis to CSIRO Executives on global warming (aka climate change) from 2005 onwards.*

I am happy to specifically exclude the following from the scope of my request:

- *output from computerised numerical models* and empirical observational data*;*
- *material already published and available to the public;*
- *third party material.*

** Note that output from computerised numerical models are not required since they are not empirical scientific evidence. Observational data is not required since I do not wish to cause CSIRO to do extensive analysis specifically to fulfil my request.*

I note request item (2) refers to 'CSIRO Executives'. Could you please confirm whether you mean CSIRO Executives in relation to members of the CSIRO board, or are you referring to the 'CSIRO Executive' – referring to the CSIRO Executive Management Council, which includes the Group Executive of each CSIRO Flagship. It would assist me in processing your request if you could identify specific positions or a group of people to whom you refer. For example, you could request:

Copies of internal CSIRO advice, briefs, reports and analysis to the CSIRO's CEO on global warming (aka climate change) from 2005 onwards.

I note that the timeframe for processing your request resumed yesterday 10 April 2013. I note your agreement for a 30 day extension pursuant to section 15AA, unfortunately given your agreement to a previous 10 day extension, you can only provide, by agreement, a further 20 days. You should therefore expect a decision from CSIRO by **Thursday 30 April 2013**.

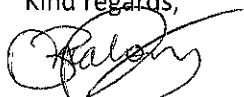
I note the period for processing may be extended if we need to consult third parties pursuant to sections 27 and 27A of the FOI Act, in relation to their personal information and/or their business affairs contained within the documents you are seeking (noting of course you are excluding third party material). CSIRO will advise you if this happens.

I also note charges may be imposed pursuant to section 29 of the FOI Act. These charges are directly calculated by reference to time spent in searching for and retrieving relevant documents, decision making time, photocopy and etc. In event CSIRO decides that you are liable to pay a charge, you will be notified of the preliminary assessment of the charges, before CSIRO begins processing. You will have an opportunity to contend that the charges should not be imposed or should be reduced.

Further, for your information, information released under the FOI Act may later be published online on CSIRO's disclosure log, subject to certain exceptions. For example, personal information will not be published where this would be unreasonable. Given the subject matter of your request, it is likely the documents will be published on CSIRO's disclosure log.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you wish to discuss.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beth Maloney', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Beth Maloney
Legal Counsel
CSIRO