

Right to Information Act 2009
Application for Assessed Disclosure



Applicant's Details:

Name:

Title:

Postal Address:

Daytime Contact Information:

Telephone: Business

Home

Mobile

Email:

Public Authority or Minister applied to:

General topic of information applied for:

(One sentence summary of information requested)

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

Right to Information Act 2009

Application for Assessed Disclosure



Application fee included: (please tick)

OR

Application for waiver: (please circle)

Member of Parliament Impecunious applicant General public interest or benefit Journalist

If application for personal information, proof of identity provided (please tick)

Details of the Information sought:

(If there is insufficient room in the space provided, please attach further details)

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

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:
Tasmanian Networks Pty Ltd, PO Box 606 Moonah 7009, delivered to 1-7 Maria St Lenah Valley or emailed to RTIOfficer@tasnetworks.com.au.
- Applications are to be made in writing and include the information required by Regulation 5 of the *Right to Information Regulations 2021*.
- Applications are to be accompanied by the application fee. This fee is 25 fee units, which is \$44.50 as at 1 July 2023 and is indexed annually. Please make cheques payable to Tasmanian Networks Pty Ltd.
- 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; where the applicant is a journalist acting in connection with their professional duties or 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.