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Dear Vicky

### **CAPS Reply to DWER FOI Scope Reductions**

#### **1. DER 2017/2064 – Groundwater Contamination**

Thank you for your letter. I confirm that we are happy to reduce the scope of our request to:

“briefing notes and memoranda, reports (including groundwater reports) relating to contamination which has been caused or has been suspected to be caused by Alcoa Wagerup”.

Given that this significantly reduces the scope of CAPS' request, CAPS trusts that this revised scope will not result in an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.

In relation to your comment regarding the number of other FOI applications and DWER FOI officers, CAPS do not believe that is a ground for refusing FOI requests under the FOI Act. Accordingly, CAPS hope that DWER is not using this as the basis to refuse our request.

#### **2. DER 2017/2065 – Desalination Plant**

Thank you for your letter. CAPS agree to reduce the scope of our request to the Water Corporation's Southern Seawater Desalination Plant located in Binningup or any proposal for a new desalination plant in relation to Alcoa's Wagerup facility.

Given that this significantly reduces the scope of CAPS' request, CAPS trusts that this revised scope will not result in an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.

In relation to your comment regarding the number of other FOI applications and DWER FOI officers, CAPS do not believe that is a ground for refusing FOI requests under the FOI Act. Accordingly, CAPS hope that DWER is not using this as the basis to refuse our request.

#### **3. DER 2017/2066 – Alcoa Compliance**

Given that this significantly reduces the scope of CAPS' request, and is restricted to correspondence between the department and Alcoa, CAPS trusts that this revised scope will not result in an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.

In relation to your comment regarding the number of other FOI applications and DWER FOI officers, CAPS do not believe that is a ground for refusing FOI requests under the FOI Act. Accordingly, CAPS hope that DWER is not using this as the basis to refuse our request.

**4. DER 2017/2067 – Alcoa Third Unit Expansion**

Thank you for your letter. CAPS notes that the information provided is the same as the letter in relation to DER 2017/2067. As this request is limited to Alcoa's expansion, it is not clear to CAPS why complaint information has been specified. Please can you double check and confirm your correspondence.

Yours sincerely



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