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Dear Vittoria

Freedom of Information Application - DWER 2017/0250 – Further Scope Reduction

Thank you for your letter dated 23 March 2018. I confirm that we are happy to reduce the scope of our request to:

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

- Alcoa's Annual Review of Ground and Surface Water Management Reports for the years from January 2014 to September 2017 to **January 2016 to June 2017**.

January 2014 to September 2017 for the following:

- Alcoa six monthly status update for known contaminated sites;
- Consultants Reports commissioned by Alcoa;
- Internal memorandums;
- Internal emails (excluding administrative types);
- External emails (in relation to Alcoa Wagerup operations).

This is because we are concerned with the general conduct of Alcoa and the Department's regulation of Alcoa over the last few years and due to growing concerns of Alcoa operations in particular the groundwater contamination, water usage and with the added shortage of rainfall due to our drier winters compounds the problems.

CAPS/Community have real concerns to the impacts (health and environment) around Alcoa Wagerup and surrounding communities and in light of Alcoa Wagerup future expansion unit 3, will exponentially increase the impacts.

Given that this significantly reduces the scope of CAPS' request, CAPS trust 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.

Yours sincerely



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