



Kingborough

Right to Information Act 2009 Application for Assessed Disclosure

Applicant's Details:			
Name:		Title:	
Postal Address:			
Daytime Contact Information:			
Telephone:	Business	Home	Mobile
Email:			

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

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

Application fee \$40.50 included (please tick)

OR

Application for waiver:	Member of Parliament		Financial Hardship*		General public interest or benefit		Applicant is a journalist acting in connection with their professional duties	
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*Please provide details of income support (eg Centrelink or Veterans Affairs payments)

Details for the Information sought:

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

(If the application is for your personal information, please provide proof of identity.)

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:
Right to Information Officer
Kingborough Council
Locked Bag 1
KINGSTON TAS 7050
- 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 \$40.50 as at 1st July 2019 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; in cases of financial hardship – we take that to mean that the applicant is on income support payments (eg Centrelink or Veterans Affairs payments); and where the information sought is intended to be used for a purpose that is of general public interest or benefit

Responsibilities of Council

- 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, Council 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.