



Government
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The Hon Clare Scriven MLC

Our ref: eA200338
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Receipt: 18609821

The Hon Ben Hood MLC
Member of the Legislative Council
Parliament House
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Mr Hood *Ben,*

Determination under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* received by the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries on 23 October 2023 requesting access to the following:

"All correspondence received from the Member for Davenport, Erin Thompson MP, and any responses (Member initiated) and correspondence sent by the Minister to the Member (Minister initiated) including responses to that correspondence. The correspondence in scope is correspondence relating to the Minister's portfolios."

Accordingly, the following determination has been finalised.

I have located three documents that are captured within the scope of your request.

Determination

I have determined that access to the following documents is **granted in part**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
1	Email from the Davenport Electorate Office, encl letter dated 29/03/2023 re constituent concerns re the export of tree pulp	2
1a	Attachment to Document 1: Enclosed letter from constituent re export of tree pulp	1
2	Email from the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, encl letter dated 28/04/2023 re forest industry	2

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The information removed from the above documents is pursuant to Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act which states:

“6 - Documents affecting personal affairs

(1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).”

The information removed consists of the name of a constituent and it is considered that members of the public can correspond with their local Member of Parliament without fear that their identities are released.

Accordingly, it is considered that disclosure of this information would be an unreasonable intrusion into the privacy rights of the individual concerned.

If you are unhappy with this determination you are entitled to exercise your rights of external review with the Ombudsman SA. Alternatively, you can apply to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT). If you wish to seek a review, you must do so within 30 calendar days of receiving this determination.

For more information about seeking a review or appeal, please contact the Ombudsman SA on telephone (08) 8226 8699 or SACAT on 1800 723 767.

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published in PIRSA's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at http://dpc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf

Should you require further information or clarification with respect to this matter, please contact Ms Rachael Colegate on 8226 2931 or email: Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
MINISTER FOR FOREST INDUSTRIES

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Gonos, Anthea (PIRSA)

From: Davenport EO <Davenport@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 29 March 2023 4:38 PM
To: PIRSA:Minister Scriven
Subject: Correspondence from Erin Thompson MP
Attachments: ENVW068 Minister Scriven **Clause 6(1)**

Categories: Corro - MP MLC EO

Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence from Erin Thompson MP.

Kind Regards

Phoebe Redington
Trainee



Erin Thompson MP
MEMBER FOR DAVENPORT
Defending for Davenport



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Erin Thompson MP
MEMBER FOR DAVENPORT



Hon Clare Scriven MLC
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Dear Minister Scriven, *Clare*

I write to you on behalf of **Clause 6(1)** a resident of Flagstaff Hill, who has concerns regarding the export of tree pulp.

Clause 6(1) has advised me that tree pulp from our trees is being exported to Japan and is then returned to Australia in the form of paper supplies.

For reference, I have enclosed a copy of **Clause 6(1)** concerns with my correspondence.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding the above.

I would appreciate your advice for inclusion in my response to **Clause 6(1)**

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Erin Thompson'.

Erin Thompson MP
Member for Davenport

29 March 2023

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ErinThompsonMP

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I would like to ask a few questions. We live in Australia, why do companies employ people from overseas when hey, we have people here looking for work. I have experienced with two Australian Companies well known, whereby I ring and after 10 minutes I am speaking to someone in the Philippines and when I ask to be transferred to Australia, I get transferred to someone in India, this went on for 3 hours!!! The persons didn't understand what I required and after such a long time, I had to hang up. Again today I phoned an energy company and again I am speaking to someone in the Philippines. We have a people here in Sth Australia looking for work, In America, the American government give to their own people first up. Also I am told the pulp from our trees is now going to Japan only to be returned in paper supplies for us here in Australia.

Where are the good 40's 50's 60s 70s 80 and 90s. I grew up during the war years, and things were not bad at all everything was local and Australian. Would like some answers - I am in favour of multicultural, so we need to give these beautiful people jobs. thank you Clause 6(1)

Gonos, Anthea (PIRSA)

From: PIRSA:Minister Scriven
Sent: Friday, 28 April 2023 3:59 PM
To: Davenport EO
Subject: eA199114
Attachments: eA199114 - THOMPSON, Erin MP - Behalf of **Clause 6(1)** Export of Tree Pulp - signed letter.pdf

Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Dear Ms Thompson

Please see attached correspondence from Minister Scriven regarding concerns from your constituent **Clause 6(1)**
Clause 6(1)

Kind regards

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Ms Erin Thompson MP
Member for Davenport
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Dear Ms Thompson

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Erin'.

Thank you for your letter of 29 March 2023 on behalf of **Clause 6(1)** a resident of Flagstaff Hill, regarding export of tree pulp.

I welcome **Clause 6(1)** interest in our forest industry. As there is no harvesting of native forests in South Australia, all timber production is from plantations. This sector directly and indirectly employs approximately 21,000 people and in 2020-21, contributed \$1.3 billion to the State's economy.

There are no pulp mills in South Australia and therefore it does not export pulp. **Clause 6(1)** may be referring to the raw material that goes into pulp which are woodchips and pulplog. These form a valuable export commodity between Australia and overseas trading partners.

The South Australian Government has programs including research by the National Institute of Forest Product Innovation in Mount Gambier and the establishment of the Forestry Centre for Excellence to be a world-class research and training institution which aims to assist in continuing to grow the forest industry in South Australia.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further details on the South Australian Forest industry.

Once again, thank you for writing to me on this topic.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Clare Scriven'.

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
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