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The Hon Clare Scriven MLC

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

Dear Mr Hood *Ben,*

Internal Review Determination under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*

I refer to your application for Internal Review made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* received on 16 August 2023.

Your original application sought 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.”

Timeframe: 21/09/2022 to 20/03/2023

It is noted that you have proceeded to Internal Review as my office failed to determine your original application within the legislative timeframe, and therefore deemed a refusal of access.

Internal review of the documents

Following an independent internal review of your application, I advise the following:

Issues in this review

The Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development did not provide a determination within the legislative timeframe, pursuant to Section 14(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Internal Review Determination

The following determination has been finalised.

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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 to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development encl letter dated 25/10/2022 re constituent concerns	2
1a	Attachment to Document 1: Constituent letter re carbon farming and farm maintenance	2
2	Email from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development to the Member for Davenport encl letter dated 15/11/2022 re response for constituent	3

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 internal review 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

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing within fourteen calendar days from the date of this determination.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clare Scriven". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

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

17 / 8 / 2023

Gonos, Anthea (PIRSA)

From: Davenport EO <Davenport@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 26 October 2022 1:08 PM
To: PIRSA:Minister Scriven
Subject: Correspondence from Erin Thompson MP
Attachments: PIRD007 **Clause 6(1)** pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence from Erin Thompson MP.

With thanks,
Will Longshaw
Electorate Assistant, Davenport



Erin Thompson MP
MEMBER FOR DAVENPORT
Delivering for Davenport



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Want to be kept updated on all things Davenport? Click here to follow my Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/erinthompsonmp>

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Erin Thompson MP
MEMBER FOR DAVENPORT



Hon Clare Scriven MLC
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development
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Dear Minister Scriven,

Clare

I write to you on behalf of **Clause 6(1)** a resident of Chandlers Hill, who has concerns regarding dam management on rural and semi-rural properties.

Clause 6(1) believes State Government regulations impact upon the abilities of rural and semi-rural property owners to effectively manage their land – in particular where dams are concerned.

For reference, I have enclosed a copy of **Clause 6(1)** enquiry – in which he addresses several matters of concern – with my correspondence.

I would appreciate you investigating these matters on behalf of **Clause 6(1)** along with your advice for inclusion in my response.

Yours sincerely,

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

Erin Thompson MP
Member for Davenport

25 October 2022

Ref: PIRD007
Encl.

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ErinThompsonMP

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Hi Erin, congratulations on your election

I am on a 90 acre/40 hectare holding at Chandlers Hill

The property is water catchment / hills face zone

and had a ratbag light a fire this February to get everyone going at 3 am.

Some issues from my perspective

FARM MAINTENANCE

- It would take 2 days just to slash fence lines and a week to do fence lines and the fields I can safely get onto (40% of the property too steep to manage mechanically) another full day of "hand" scrubcutter work around the house.
- I have some 2 hectares of Blackberry, and even to control a 1/2 hectare would take 2 weeks full time to cut back and then 2 years of poison (areas so large have to cut down just to be able to reach central area with poison.)
- Weed control takes 2 full days of spraying and you cant count on those days (wind and rain free) happening on weekends.
- Fence maintenance 1 day a year

REVEGETATION/ CARBON FARMING

- Revegetation, not counting the seedling growing the planting out takes about 1 day per 200 plants, but currently we are overrun by Kangaroos, which eat any seedlings (unless a metre high mesh protection put round) so revegetation dodgy currently.

GOVERNMENT REGULATION

1. Dams ; as recently seen in Echunga, maintenance and safety is important. Trees growing on a dam wall weaken it and make it leak/fail. But if I want to remove trees growing on the wall, I am expected to tell "them" and they insist on putting fenced land aside to grow those trees elsewhere
2. Try raising sheep or cattle on your farm and it has to meet this and that regulation with property ID etc etc if you want to move or sell the beasties. And I wouldnt want to try and get a gun licence to deal with them in house!
3. There are a lot of abandoned buildings in the hills, that could be made habitable, but for Hills face zone regulations.

MY 2 CENTS WORTH

- CFS is fabulous, needs support and removal of any impediments to efficient function
- Kangaroos are starting to become problematic, and preventing large scale revegetation
- In near Urban environments property size greater than about 2-4 hectares are not manageable by the average person. Overall land management would improve by allowing reduction of oversize properties to this 2-4 hectare size
- A one stop shop for hobby farmer regulation resolution would be useful.
- Perhaps even a how to guide for the tree changers

Any way, thanks for the opportunity.

Would be happy to discuss things with you in public or private meeting

Regards

Clause 6(1)

Gonos, Anthea (PIRSA)

From: PIRSA:Minister Scriven
Sent: Tuesday, 15 November 2022 3:22 PM
To: davenport@parliament.sa.gov.au
Subject: eA198370 - Minister Scriven Correspondence
Attachments: eA198370 - Member for Davenport - Constituent **Clause 6(1)** Minister Scriven 14 Nov 2022 .pdf

OFFICIAL

Document ID: eA198370

Good afternoon

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Scriven dated 15 November 2022.

Kind regards

Office of the Hon Clare Scriven MLC

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The Department of Primary Industries and Regions respects Aboriginal people as the state's first people and nations. We recognise Aboriginal people as traditional owners and occupants of South Australian land and waters. We pay our respects to Aboriginal cultures and to Elders past, present and emerging.

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The Hon Erin Thompson MP
Member for Davenport
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FLAGSTAFF HILL SA 5159

Email: davenport@parliament.sa.gov.au

Dear Ms Thompson

Erin,

Thank you for your letter of 25 October 2022 on behalf of your constituent Clause 6(1)

Clause 6(1)

Clause 6(1) letter highlights a number of concerns regarding the impact of State Government regulations upon the abilities of rural and semi-rural property owners to effectively manage their land. Of particular relevance to my portfolio are the issues of weed control and the need to register livestock.

European blackberry is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia for its invasiveness, potential for spread, economic, environmental, and social impacts. Control of declared weeds such as blackberry on private lands remains the responsibility of the landowner under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*.

Landholders can seek advice on the management of pests and weeds from their local landscape board. Clause 6(1) property is in the Green Adelaide region.

If landholders wish to keep livestock on their property, a property identification code (PIC) is required under the *Livestock Act 1997*. Each time livestock are moved off a property, a livestock movement must be recorded on the National Livestock Identification Scheme Database. Depending on the type of livestock being kept, other requirements such as permits or livestock identification (e.g., tagging) may apply.

The PIC database is critical to providing the Department of Primary Industries and Regions with information on who to contact if there are livestock disease outbreaks, bushfires or floods, or other animal emergencies.

The Green Adelaide Board can provide advice on many of the other issues raised by Clause 6(1) including native animal control, dam management and native vegetation. Staff from my department have discussed Clause 6(1) concerns and I'm advised that the Board has offered to organise a property visit with Clause 6(1) to provide some information and resources for guiding small landholding management.

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I would encourage Clause 6(1) to contact the Green Adelaide Board at dew.greenadelaide@sa.gov.au or on (08) 7424 5760.

Once again, thank you for writing to me on behalf of your constituent.

Yours sincerely



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

15/11 / 2022