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The Hon Clare Scriven MLC

Our ref: eA203627  
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Receipt: 21943085

The Hon Ben Hood  
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 12 August 2025 requesting access to the following:

*"All correspondence received from the Member for MacKillop, Nick McBride MP, and any responses (Member initiated) and correspondence sent by the Minister (Minister initiated) including responses to that correspondence. The correspondence in scope is relating the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development.*

Date range: 01/01/2025 to 12/08/2025

Accordingly, the following determination has been finalised.

I have located eleven (11) documents that are captured within the scope of your request.

**Determination 1**

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

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
1a	Attachment to Doc 1 – Letter from Mr Nick McBride MP to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 14 February 2025 regarding dingo breeding.	1
2	Email from the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 25 February 2025 enclosing Ministerial Correspondence (eA202463).	1
4a	Attachment to Doc 4 – Letter from Mr Nick McBride MP to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 26 May 2025 regarding testing of species impacted by the karenia mikimotoi algal bloom.	1
5	Email from the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 25 July 2025 enclosing Ministerial Correspondence (eA202984).	1

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5a	Attachment to Doc 5 – Letter from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 23 July 2025 regarding results from testing results from species impacted by the karenia mikimotoi algal bloom (eA202984).	2
6	Email from the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 27 June 2025 enclosing Ministerial Correspondence (eA202637).	1
6a	Attachment to Doc 7 – Letter from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 20 June 2025 regarding successful project in MacKillop Electorate from the Enabling Infrastructure Program (eA202637).	1

## **Determination 2**

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

<b>Doc No.</b>	<b>Description of document</b>	<b>No. of Pages</b>
1	Email from the MacKillop Electorate Office dated 17 February 2025 enclosing correspondence regarding dingoes.	1
3	Email from the MacKillop Electorate Office dated 16 April 2025 enclosing constituent correspondence.	1
3a	Attachment to Doc 3 – Letter from Mr Nick McBride MP to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 15 April 2025 regarding constituent concerns.	1
4	Email from the MacKillop Electorate Office dated 26 May 2025 enclosing correspondence regarding testing of species impacted by the karenia mikimotoi algal bloom.	1

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 following:

- Documents 1, 3 & 4 – Names of office employees
- Documents 3 & 3a – Name and address of constituent

It is considered that members of the public can correspond with their local Member of Parliament without fear that their identities are released.

There is an expectation that the name of an employee, regarded as personal information, would not be released in this way.

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

The timeframe of your request includes documents released as per the determination made by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development on 09 May 2025 (eA202778), i.e. documents scheduled as 3a & 4a in that determination.

Accordingly, these documents are not considered as being within the scope of eA203627 and are therefore not included in this determination.

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](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 Francesca Blefari on telephone 8226 2931 or email: [Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au](mailto:Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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

11 / 9 / 2025

**From:** [Mackillop EO](#)  
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Good afternoon,

Please find attached signed correspondence from Mr Nick McBride MP.

Please contact our office should you have any queries.

Kind Regards

**Clause 6(1)**

Electorate Officer

Monday, Tuesday (9am-3pm) and Friday 9am-5pm

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14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Doc 1a

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Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development  
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Email: [minister.scriven@sa.gov.au](mailto:minister.scriven@sa.gov.au)

Dear Minister, *Clare,*

I write to express my concerns regarding the recent reports of alleged dingo breeding being undertaken at the Little Desert Nature Lodge, just over the Victorian border.

As you are aware, Dingoes are protected in north-west Victoria, but remain unprotected on both private and public land within 3km of the boundaries of any private land within the east of Victoria. I acknowledge you wrote to me expressing your concerns about this announcement in September, which I subsequently followed up with a question in Parliament (26 Sept) regarding the risks this decision posed to farmers, and asking what measures the State Government was taking to manage this.

As the local Member, and Primary producer, this recent revelation has left me shocked and concerned that dingo breeding may be taking place. These animals are not fenced in, and do not acknowledge state boundaries. The risk of dingoes breeding with other wild dogs is, in my view, very real, and could lead to larger populations of wild dogs moving further into South Australia. This would have a significant impact on sheep and livestock producers, and potentially cost the industry millions of dollars.

I therefore respectfully ask that you seek a meeting with your Victorian counterpart to understand the facts around this allegation, to determine what can be done to prevent dingo populations moving further into the state. South Australia should not pay the price for Victoria's decision to lift the unprotection order in the east. If Victoria supports dingo breeding, then it needs to occur in a controlled environment.

Yours sincerely,

Nick McBride MP  
Member for MacKillop

INDEPENDENT MP FOR THE ELECTORATE OF MACKILLOP

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Good afternoon Mr McBride

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Scriven.

Kind regards

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Attached please find correspondence from Nick McBride MP for MacKillop re [Clause 6\(1\)](#)

Regards

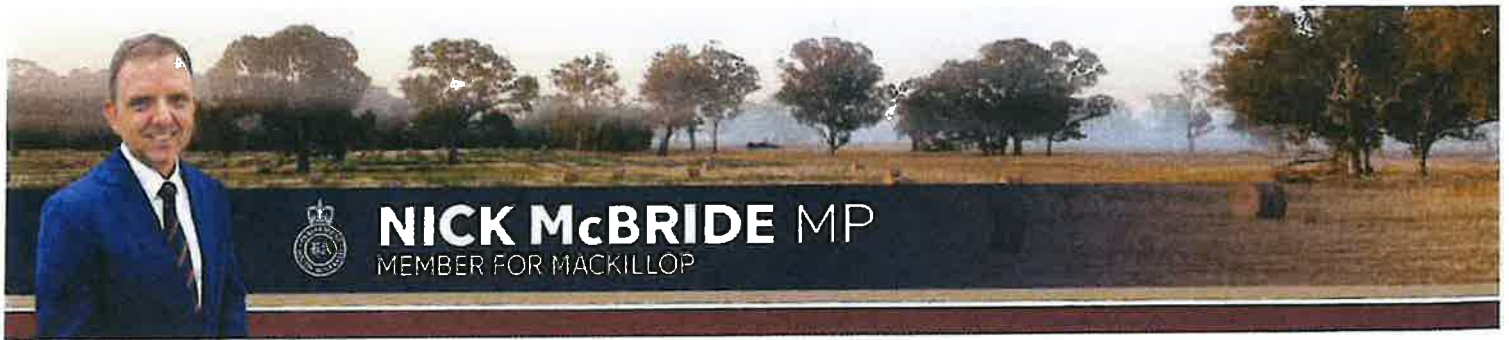
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Doc 3a

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Dear Minister, *Clare,*

I write to you on behalf of **Clause 6(1)** who has raised his concerns with me about **Clause 6(1)** **Clause 6(1)** which is situated on his farm at **Clause 6(1)**. The main source of water from the **Clause 6(1)** **Clause 6(1)** is from the Fairview drainage system. This swamp has had no water flow for the past seven to nine years, apart from general paddock run off during wet winters.

This swamp is known for redtail black cockatoos, goannas and other flora and fauna. Over the past five years considerable decline has been noticed within the swamp and many small trees are dying. There is no indication of fresh flora germinating which indicates the wetlands is struggling.

A pump was installed to serve this wetland when the drain was first dug, but it hasn't worked for 10 years. The original installation of a pump was a short-term solution as a weir was too expensive. **Clause 6(1)** **Clause 6(1)** has made contact with the South East Water Conservation and Drainage Board (SEWCDB) about the installation of a weir on many occasions, but to no avail.

On Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 there was an onsite meeting with the SEWCDB. It was agreed that there is the need for a weir to be installed, however the **Clause 6(1)** were advised there is no funding available. A possible short-term and cheaper solution would be to replace the pump. The **Clause 6(1)** are concerned that a replacement pump is not the practical solution, which would once again require them to supply diesel and maintenance to the pump.

I support the **Clause 6(1)** in their view that the installation of a weir is the more practical solution. I understand **Clause 6(1)** views were raised at the April 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting. I therefore respectfully ask for an update on this matter so that I can follow up with **Clause 6(1)** request. I look forward to hearing from you in relation to this important matter.

Kind regards,

Nick McBride MP  
Member for Mackillop

CC Mr David Williamson, Manager Drainage Operations at DEW [DEW.adminSEWCDB@sa.gov.au](mailto:DEW.adminSEWCDB@sa.gov.au)

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**From:** [Mackillop EO](#)  
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Good Afternoon,

Please see attached correspondence from Mr Nick McBride.

Have a lovely afternoon,

Kind regards

**Clause 6(1)**

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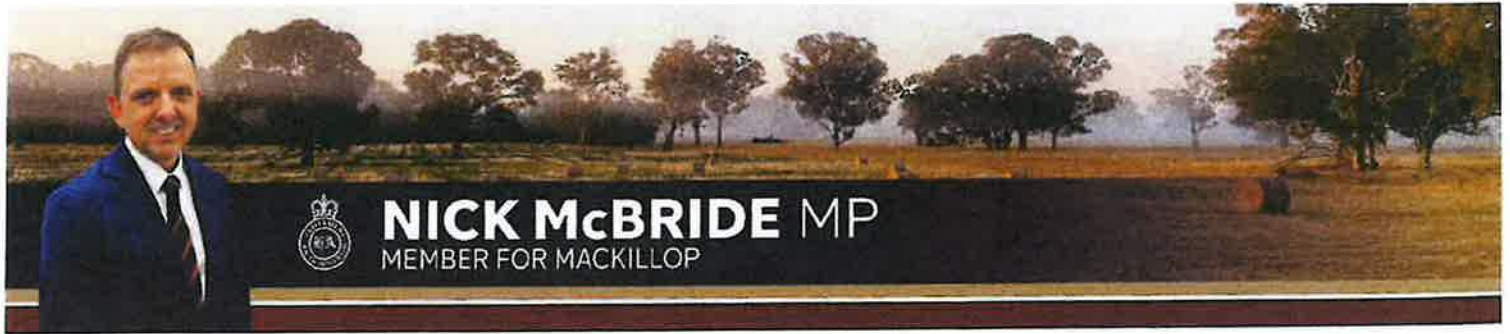
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26<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Doc 4a

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Email: [Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au](mailto:Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au)

Dear Minister, *Clare,*

I write seeking open and transparent reporting of the results from testing of species impacted by the *karenia mikimotoi* algal bloom.

My office has received information that a species of the bloom is producing a neurotoxin from the **brevetoxin b** group. I understand that this is some of the most toxic marine origin nerve toxin, which has the potential to impact unknowing consumers of recreationally collected shellfish.

It is my understanding that the **brevetoxins** have been detected at Stansbury, Port Victoria (Yorke Peninsula) and American River (Kangaroo Island). Initially, the closure of these areas was precautionary, due to levels being below international food safety guidelines. However, I now hear that at least one location has potential **brevetoxin** levels 3-4 times the overseas safety thresholds.

I therefore respectfully ask that the SA shellfish quality assurance program data, along with any additional data generated in response to calls to the *Fishwatch* hotline (including vet reports relating to kangaroo deaths, plankton counts and water quality assessments at locations of fish kills) – be made public. This could be done through regular summaries via an online portal. It is my belief that this will help dispel various conspiracies, dismiss unsupported theories and allow recreational fishers the opportunity to make their own assessments of risks.

Thank you for considering this request – which is in line with various forms of data dissemination occurring in other states including Tasmania and NSW. Releasing this information will give greater clarity to the public, and fishers alike.

Yours sincerely

Nick McBride MP  
Member for Mackillop

INDEPENDENT MP FOR THE ELECTORATE OF MACKILLOP

**From:** [PIRSA:Minister Scriven](#)  
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Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Scriven.

Kind regards,

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Dear Mr McBride *Nick,*

Thank you for your letter regarding the reporting of results from species tested impacted by the *Karenia mikimotoi* algal bloom.

The Department for Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) has been working closely with the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) since the beginning of the harmful algal bloom (HAB) event. The HAB has been widespread in South Australian waters due to current environmental conditions.

*Karenia mikimotoi* and later brevetoxins have been identified during the HAB event. PIRSA has continued to rule out notifiable diseases in coastal wildlife mortality events during this time. This is in line with the disease surveillance program. PIRSA has assisted coordination of further testing as directed by DEW.

Notifiable disease results were negative and shared with DEW. Results from further investigation by DEW will be released at their discretion.

You may be aware that there is now a Water Sampling Dashboard in relation to the HAB accessible on the DEW website. Testing results for 18 locations are included on the dashboard. Testing that occurs in other parts of the state, such as in the closure areas, continues on a regular basis in line with testing requirements.

The brevetoxin detection in shellfish has been managed in line with the State's Biotoxin Management Plan administered by PIRSA. Its detection demonstrates that the program in place is robust and effective.

The detection of brevetoxin is likely due to *Karenia* species other than *Karenia mikimotoi* as this species has not been associated with brevetoxins in shellfish.

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Results from the accredited brevetoxin tests completed in New Zealand will be potentially shared with accredited producers from impacted harvest areas as they become available. The opening of closed areas will be updated on the SASQAP website which is publicly available.

There is no risk to the public from consuming seafood in waters where *Karenia mikimotoi* detected, if the seafood is alive at the time it is caught. The public should not consume seafood species that are found dead, such as those that have washed ashore. This is advice that applies at any time, including through the current HAB outbreak.

I am advised SA Health will continue to monitor the situation and issue public health warnings as required.

As you may be aware, both the State and Federal Governments will be contributing \$14 million each to support impacted industries, research, communication, community support and beach clean-up, as well as a range of other recovery related activities.

The State Government has established a Taskforce chaired by the Chief Executives of both DEW and PIRSA that is overseeing the government's response to the HAB outbreak.

The Deputy Premier and I will continue to chair a reference group of impacted stakeholders across local government, the environment and industries to ensure that we are hearing directly from those who have been impacted and who will be critical parts of the recovery process.

Once again, thank you for writing to me regarding the results from the species impacted by the *Karenia mikimotoi* algal bloom.

Yours sincerely



Hon Clare Scruen MLC  
**MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**MINISTER FOR FOREST INDUSTRIES**

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MPIRD ref: eA202637

Good morning Mr McBride

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Scriven.

Kind regards

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Mr Nick McBride MP  
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Dear Mr ~~McBride~~ *Nick,*

**ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM – SUCCESSFUL PROJECT IN MACKILLOP**

The South Australian Government has established the Thriving Regions Fund (TRF) - a \$15 million commitment per annum to support regional industries, grow jobs and strengthen regional communities.

The Enabling Infrastructure Program (EIP) is a component of the TRF and consists of medium to large grants for infrastructure projects that strengthen and build strong regional communities.

Grants of between \$50,000 and \$1 million are available to community groups for projects that improve quality of life or attract and retain people and businesses in our regions, support a strong regional economy and have broad regional community benefit.

Grants of up to \$2 million may be available where the project is considered as having exceptionally broad benefits.

The National Trust of South Australia, Kingston SE Branch from your electorate has successfully secured up to \$110,000 (excl. GST) for their Kingston Beacon Project.

If you have any questions regarding the EIP or the successful project, please contact my office on 8226 2931 or [minister.scriven@sa.gov.au](mailto:minister.scriven@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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

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