



Removed from FOI Disclosure Log

Determination under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the FOI Act) received by the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries on 18 December 2025 requesting access to the following, as amended:

“1) All correspondence and documents between 14 March 2024 to present between Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven and/or her office, and employees, associates, or contractors of or acting on behalf of:

- i) Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA*
- ii) National Park and Wildlife Services South Australia*
- iii) New South Wales Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development*
- iv) The National Wild Dog Action Plan Committee*
- v) West Wimmera Action Group (WWAG)*
- vi) Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee*
- vii) The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA)*
- viii) Agriculture Victoria*
- ix) Hindmarsh Shire Council*
- x) Emma Kealy MP*
- xi) Australian Museum*
- xii) Centre for Invasive Species Solutions*

That contain any of the following words “DNA”, “genetic”, “Ngarkat”, “Big Desert” or “Victoria” in conjunction with section f, including “dingo”.

2) All correspondence and documents between 14 March 2024 to present between Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven and/or her office, and employees, associates, or contractors of or acting on behalf of:

- i) Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA*

- ii) National Park and Wildlife Services South Australia
- iii) The National Wild Dog Action Plan Committee
- iv) Coorong District Council
- v) Tatiara District Council
- vi) Southern Mallee District Council
- vii) Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee
- viii) The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA)
- ix) Agriculture Victoria
- x) Centre for Invasive Species Solutions

Regarding fox and/or wild dog aerial baiting in any of the following areas: Ngarkat, Billiat, Karte or Peebinga, including but not limited to records containing the terms “aerial baiting”, “1080”, “bait drop”, “baiting program”, or “poison bait”.

The subject matter of the request is limited to:

- inter-jurisdictional communications relating to wild dog and dingo policy, genetics, and cross-border management (with respect to Part 1 of the application)
- ministerial and agency correspondence concerning aerial baiting programs in specified locations (with respect to Part 2 of the application).

Scope and Definitions of the Search Terms

The above search terms –

- a) Define “**documents**” as having the meaning provided by the Freedom of Information Act 1991 Part 1, 4.1 “**document** includes anything in which information is stored or from which information may be reproduced.”, including but not limited to briefings, advice, reports, working papers, drafts, notes, and attachments;
- b) Exclude exact duplicates of original records. This exclusion does not apply to records that document or describe the act of receiving, sending, carbon copying, or forwarding correspondence of an original record, nor the revision of an original record
- c) Include records held by associates, partners, contractors and sub-contractors to the agency;
- d) Extend, where a record is captured by the search terms, to the full record contained within or attached to a given record—regardless of whether some information in that record may fall outside the scope of request or would typically be redacted by the agency;
- e) Define “**correspondence**” as any type of transmitted record authored, sent, received, forwarded, or carbon copied between one or more parties, and inclusive of text messages, where:
 - a. **Text messages** are taken to mean all messages sent or received using the cellular SMS/MMS network, or, any other ‘over-the-top’ messaging services including but not limited to WhatsApp, iMessage, Facebook Messenger, Signal, WeChat, or Wickr
- f) Define “**dingo**” to mean all phrasing (plural or singular) relating to animals used in the context of wildlife management, pest control & genetics:
 - i) Free-ranging dog,

- ii) *Wild dog,*
- iii) *Domestic dog,*
- iv) *Feral dog,*
- vii) *Dog, and*
- vii) *Dingo”*

Timeframe: 14/03/2024 – 22/12/2025

On 05 January 2026, I determined an extension of time pursuant to Section 14A of the FOI Act was required to facilitate third party consultation. Subsequently, the due date was extended to 06 February 2026.

81 documents have been located within the scope of your request and accordingly, the following determination has been finalised.

Determination 1

I have determined that access to the following documents is **granted IN FULL:**

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
1	Departmental Workflow Request dated 25 April 2024 – eA200546(2) – Livestock SA Quarterly Meeting – April 2024	2
5a	Attachment to Document 5 – Media Release from Steve Dimopoulos MP, Victorian Minister for the Environment – Striking the Balance to Save Threatened Dingo Population – Dated 14 March 2024	1
5b	Attachment to Document 5 – Media Release from the National Wild Dog Action Plan Coordination Committee – Snap Change to Wild Dog Control in Victoria Leaves Producers Vulnerable – Dated 15 March 2024	2
5c	Attachment to Document 5 – Media Statement from Bev McArthur MP, Member for Western Victoria Region – Slaughter to the Lambs: Dingo Protection – Dated 20 March 2024	2
5d	Attachment to Document 5 – Media Article from Sheep Central – DEECA Response to North-West Vic Dog Attack is Cameras – Dated 12 April 2024	5
6	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development – Noted by Office on 11 December 2024 – A6209682 – Update on decision to stop wild dog controls in northwest Victoria	1
8	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development – Noted by Office on 11 December 2024 – A6196125 – Decision to stop wild dog control programs in northwest Victoria	1
15	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development – Noted by Office 11 December 2024 – A6244237 – Opportunities to work with Victoria on wild dog management	1
22a	Attachment to Document 22 – Photograph	1
22b	Attachment to Document 22 – Photograph	1

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24a	Attachment to Document 24 – AMTC Dingo Taxonomy Position Statement 2024	3
24d	Attachment to Document 24 – Weekly Times Dingo Article 26 March 2024	2
24e	Attachment to Document 24 – Research Paper – Castle et al 2003 Stuck in the Mud	24
24f	Attachment to Document 24 – Research Paper – Allen et al 2013 As Clear as Mud	17
25a	Attachment to Document 25 – Control Notices for Wild Dogs	6
32	Departmental Workflow Request dated 17 February 2025 – eA202463 – McBride MP, Nick – Member for MacKillop – alleged dingo breeding	2
35	Departmental Workflow Request dated 21 February 2025 – eA202487 – Removed from FOI Disclosure Log – Concerns regarding misleading wild dog survey	68
43	Departmental Workflow Request dated 22 May 2025 – eA202745 – Meeting with Cross Border Commissioner	3
52a	Attachment to Document 50 – South Australian Wild Dog Management Strategy 2023 – 2033	22
55a	Attachment to Document 53 – Response to Lo Cascio et al 2025 (Noted as Attachment 3 in Doc 53)	9

Determination 2

I have determined that access to the following documents is **granted IN PART**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
3	Departmental Workflow Request dated 14 October 2024 – eA200546(4) – Livestock SA Quarterly Meeting – Oct 2024	10
9	Email from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to Minister Scriven dated 21 June 2024	1
9a	Attachment to Document 9 – Letter from Executive Director Biodiversity (DEECA) to Minister Scriven dated 21 June 2024	1
10	Email from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to Minister Scriven dated 26 April 2024	1
10a	Attachment to Document 10 – Letter from Victorian Minister for the Environment to Minister Scriven dated 24 April 2024	2
11	Departmental Workflow Request dated 29 April 2024 – eA201047 – Spence MP, Hon Ros – Dingo Unprotection Order – Lethal Control of Dogs	3
14a	Attachment to Document 14 – Letter from PIRSA Chief Executive dated 30 April 2024 to the Secretary, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action	1
17	Departmental Workflow Request dated 29 May 2024 – eA201201 – Correspondence from constituent – Wild dog control in Victoria	5

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
19	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 23 August 2024 (A6288560) – Seeking collaboration and contribution for cross-border predator control program from the Victorian Government encl Signed Letters to Ministers Dimopoulos & Spence (eA201219)	6
24	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 23 August 2024 – A6360822 – Dingoes continue to be considered a type of domestic dog in new taxonomy position statement	5
24b	Attachment to Document 24 – Alternative Scientific Opinion Regarding the Appropriate Nomenclature of Dingoes	4
24c	Attachment to Document 24 – Dingo Taxonomy – Email from Stephen Jackson, Associate Director Collection Enhancement, Australian Museum	3
26	Departmental Workflow Request dated 27 August 2024 – eA201624 – Dog Fence Board Meeting	4
27	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 02 September 2024 – eA201624 – Dog Fence Board – meeting	5
29	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 12 September 2024 – A6487929 – Urging NSW to provide feedback on the review of wild dog management in Victoria encl Letter to Minister Moriarty (eA201730)	4
30	Departmental Workflow Request dated 02 October 2024 – eA201832 – SPENCE MP, Ros – Minister for Agriculture – Victoria Government – Aerial Fox Bating Program	2
33	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 25 February 2025 - McBride, Nick – Member for MacKillop – alleged dingo breeding encl Letter to Nick McBride MP (eA202463)	5
34	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 18 March 2025 – eA202475 – Meeting with Chair of the Dog Fence Board	7
36	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 24 March 2025 – eA202487 – Letter regarding PIRSA interpretation of wild dog survey data encl Letter to Removed from FOI Disclosure Log	4
37	Departmental Workflow Request dated 24 February 2025 – eA202499 – Correspondence from a constituent – Stop the persecution of dingoes	2
38	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 24 March 2025 – eA202499 – Response to constituent regarding dingo management encl letter to constituent	4
39	Departmental Workflow Request dated 14 March 2025 – eA202597	3
40	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 28 April 2025 – eA202597 – Response to letter regarding dingo management in Ngarkat Conservation Park encl Letter to Constituent	3
41	Departmental Workflow Request dated 13 May 2025 – eA202597(2)	35

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
42	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 24 June 2025 – eA202597	3
44	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 27 June 2025 – eA202745 – Briefing on discussion items for meeting with the Cross Border Commissioner	7
45	Departmental Workflow Request dated 16 May 2025 – eA202921 – Various Authors – 1080 Baiting	6
46	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 24 June 2025 – eA202921 – Response to multiple letters regarding dingo protection and fox control in Ngarkat Conservation Park encl letters to constituents	28
47a	Attachment to Document 45 – Eradication of Wild Dogs from SA Sheep Country - Program Update March 2025	18
48	Departmental Workflow Request dated 30 June 2025 – eA203244 – Correspondence from a constituent – 1080 Baiting	5
49	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 24 July 2025 – eA203244 – 1080 Baiting, Dingo & Fox Control in Ngarkat Conservation Park – response to constituent encl letter to constituent	4
50	Departmental Workflow Request dated 29 July 2025 – eA203446 – Correspondence from a constituent – Request to Revise Dingo Management Policies	2
51	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 16 September 2025 – eA203446 – Response to constituent regarding wild dog management encl letter to constituent	4
52	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 19 October 2025 – A7173413 – The management of wild dogs in South Australia, with an update on wild dog management in Ngarkat Conservation Park Please note, Attachment B referenced in Doc 52 is the same as Doc 47a in this Determination.	5
53	Departmental Workflow Request dated 26 November 2025 – eA204182 – Power, Geoff, Chair – SA Dog Fence Board – meeting request	5
55	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 11 November 2025 – A7197004 – Concerns over EPBC nomination for NW Victorian dingo Note, this document includes the letter to Senator the Hon Murray Watt (Attachment 4) and Attachment 1 referenced in the Minute. Attachment 2 referenced in Doc 55 is the same as Doc 24a.	27

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:

- Doc 03 – The mobile number of a third party
- Doc 09 – Name of a Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action staff member
- Doc 09a – Names and email addresses of Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action staff members
- Doc 10 – Names, telephone numbers and email addresses of Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action staff members
- Doc 11 – Names, telephone numbers and email addresses of Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action staff members
- Doc 14a – Email address of a staff member from the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action
- Doc 17 – The name, email address and other personally identifiable information of a third party
- Doc 19 - Mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 24 - Mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 24b – Names, email addresses and mobile numbers of third parties
- Doc 24c – Email address and mobile number of a third party
- Doc 26 – Mobile number of a departmental staff member and an email address of a third party
- Doc 27 - Mobile number of a departmental staff member & OOS
- Doc 29 - Mobile number of a departmental staff member and the email address of a staff member from the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action
- Doc 30 – The name, email address and mobile number of a staff member from the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action
- Doc 33 – Mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 34 - Mobile number of a departmental staff member & OOS
- Doc 36 - Mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 37 – The name, email address and other identifying information of a third party
- Doc 38 – The name and email address of a third party and the mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 40 – The mobile number of a departmental staff member and the name, email address and other personally identifiable information of a third party
- Doc 42 – The mobile number of a departmental staff member and the name, email address and other personally identifiable information of a third party
- Doc 44 – Mobile number of a departmental staff member & OOS
- Doc 45 – Personally identifiable information of third parties
- Doc 46 - Personally identifiable information of third parties and the mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 47a – Mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 48 – The name and email address of a third party
- Doc 49 – The name and email address of a third party

- Doc 50 – The name and email address of a third party
- Doc 51 – The name and email address of a third party and the mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 52 – Mobile numbers of departmental staff members
- Doc 53 – Mobile numbers of departmental staff members & OOS
- Doc 55 – Mobile numbers of departmental staff members

The term ‘personal affairs’ has been held to involve ‘matters of private concern to an individual’ and the ‘composite collection of activities personal to the individual concerned’.

Consent has not been provided to disclose the names of Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) staff members and, accordingly, there would be an expectation that their personal information would not be released in this way.

As a mobile telephone number allows a person, including an officer of an agency, to be contacted outside of business hours and is information that is not ordinarily available to the public, the information is taken to concern the personal affairs of an individual.

It is considered that members of the public can correspond with a Minister 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 individuals concerned.

Information that is outside the scope of your request has also been removed.

Determination 3

I have determined that access to the following document is **granted IN PART**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
2	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 23 April 2024 – eA200546(2) – Quarterly Meeting with Livestock SA CEO Travis Tobin	7
4	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 17 October 2024 – eA200546(4) – Livestock SA Quarterly Meeting – October 2024	8
5	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 27 March 2024 – A6209682 – Update on decision to stop wild dog controls in northwest Victoria	6
7	Minute to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 27 March 2024 – A6209682 – Update on decision to stop wild dog controls in northwest Victoria Note: Attachments A, B & C referenced in Document 7 are provided as Documents 5a, 5b & 5c of this determination.	5
12	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 01 May 2025 – eA201047 – Letter from the	3

	Minister for Agriculture, Hon Ros Spence MP, regarding changes to wild dog management in Victoria	
13	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development – Noted by Office – eA201047 – Letter from the Minister for Agriculture, Hon Ros Spence MP, regarding changes to wild dog management in Victoria	4
14	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 30 April 2024 – A6244237 – Opportunities to work with Victoria on wild dog management	3
16	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 25 June 2024 (A6264381) encl letter to Landscape Boards (eA201119) – Impacts and activities following the decision to stop wild dog controls in northwest Victoria	4
18	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 3 June 2024 – eA201201 – Letter from experienced landholder expressing concern about the Victoria Government decision to protect wild dogs in areas bordering South Australia	3
20	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 18 October 2024 - eA201219(2) – Updated information on request for Victorian contribution towards cross-border predator control	5
21	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 6 December 2024 – eA201219(2) / A6610864 – Updated information on request for Victorian contribution toward cross-border predator control	5
22	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 10 February 2025 – eA201219(3) – Seeking collaboration and contribution for cross-border predator control program from the Victorian Government	5
23	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 24 February 2025 – eA201219(3) – Seeking collaboration and contribution for cross-border predator control program from the Victorian Government Please note, attachments A and B referenced in Document 23 have been provided as Documents 22a and 22b in this Determination	5
23a	Attachment to Document 23 (noted as Attachment C in Doc 23) – Talking Points	3
28	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 13 September 2024 – A6478241 – New opportunity to provide feedback on the review of wild dog management in Victoria encl Letter to Minister Spence (eA201707)	8
31	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 23 December 2024 – Response to Minister Ros Spence regarding a cross-border fox control initiative encl Letter to Minister Spence	5

54	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 05 December 2025 – eA204182 – Wild dog management in South Australia	5
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The information removed from the above documents is refused pursuant to Clause 5(1)(a)(i) and Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Clause 5(1)(a)(i) states:

“5—Documents affecting inter-governmental or local government relations

(1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter—

(a) the disclosure of which -

(i) could reasonably be expected to cause damage to intergovernmental relations; and

(b) the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.”

The information removed pursuant to Clause 5(1)(a)(i) consists of sensitive information relating to interactions and matters with interstate jurisdictions.

In addressing the public interest test for the Clause 5 exemption, I have balanced the following factors:

In favour of the public interest:

- Meeting the objects of the Freedom of Information Act favouring access to documents.
- Ensuring optimal use of public resources.
- High level of interest in the accountability of public office holders.
- The importance of transparency and openness and the interest that the public has in the decision-making processes of Government.
- High level of community interest in the topic.

Contrary to the public interest:

- The need to preserve confidentiality of information being shared between government agencies on a matter which is not yet finalised.
- The recent age of the information was considered and the continuing relevance of the matters.
- The release of this information would undermine the government’s efforts in addressing the management of invasive species.
- It is expected that disclosure would harm inter-governmental relationships with the interstate jurisdictions resulting in agencies reconsidering their position regarding their future interactions with the South Australian Government.

Having considered the various factors weighing for and against disclosure, I have determined that disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The information removed pursuant to Clause 6(1) consists of:

- Doc 02 – Mobile number of a departmental staff member & OOS
- Doc 04 – Mobile number of a departmental staff member & OOS
- Doc 05 – Mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 07 – Mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 12 – Mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 13 –
- Doc 14 – Mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 16 – Mobile numbers of departmental staff and email addresses of third parties
- Doc 18 – The mobile number of a departmental staff member and the name and other personally identifiable information of a third party & OOS
- Doc 20 - Mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 21 - Mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 22 - Mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 23 - Mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 23a –
- Doc 28 - Mobile number of a departmental staff member and the email address of a staff member from the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action
- Doc 31 – Mobile number of a departmental staff member
- Doc 54 – Mobile numbers of departmental staff members & OOS

The term ‘personal affairs’ has been held to involve ‘matters of private concern to an individual’ and the ‘composite collection of activities personal to the individual concerned’.

As a mobile telephone number allows a person, including an officer of an agency, to be contacted outside of business hours and is information that is not ordinarily available to the public, the information is taken to concern the personal affairs of an individual.

It is considered that members of the public can correspond with a Minister 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 individuals concerned.

Information that is outside the scope of your request has also been removed.

Determination 4

I have determined that access to the following document is **refused**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
7a	Attachment to Document 7 – Draft Letter – A6196125	1
12a	Attachment to Document 12 – Draft Letter – eA201047	1
18a	Attachment to Document 18 – Draft Letter – eA201201	1

Access to the above documents pursuant to Clause 9(1) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act which states:

“9—Internal working documents

(1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter—

(a) that relates to -

- (i) any opinion, advice or recommendation that has been obtained, prepared or recorded; or
 - (ii) any consultation or deliberation that has taken place, in the course of, or for the purpose of, the decision-making functions of the Government, a Minister or an agency; and
- (b) the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.”

The documents consist of draft letters.

In addressing the public interest test for the exemption, I have balanced the following factors:

In favour of the public interest:

- Meeting the objects of the Freedom of Information Act favouring access to documents.
- Ensuring optimal use of public resources.
- High level of interest in the accountability of public office holders.
- The importance of transparency and openness and the interest that the public has in the decision-making processes of Government.
- High level of community interest in the topic.

Contrary to the public interest:

- The recent age of the information was considered and the continuing relevance of the matters.
- Providing an agency with the ability to undertake internal consultation without unnecessary interference.
- Protection of the deliberative processes of Government.
- Release of this information would discourage the flow of free exchange of ideas and options during deliberative processes.
- Preserving the integrity of information-gathering processes, including some internal communications, leading up to the finalisation of decisions.

Having considered the various factors weighing for and against disclosure, I have determined that disclosure of the documents would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Determination 5

I have determined that access to the following documents is **refused**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
47	Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 05 September 2025 – A6913460	5

The information removed from the above documents is pursuant to Clause 16(1)(a)(iv) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act which states:

“16—Documents concerning operations of agencies

- (1) *A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which -*
- (a) *could reasonably be expected -*
 - (iv) *to have a substantial adverse effect on the effective performance by an agency of the agency's functions; and*
 - (b) *would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.”*

Document 47 concerns the operations of agency vertebrate pest management programs.

In addressing the public interest test for the Clause 16 exemption, I have balanced the following factors:

In favour of the public interest:

- Meeting the objects of the Act favouring access to documents.
- Ensuring optimal use of public resources.
- High level of interest in the accountability of public office holders.
- The importance of transparency and openness and the interest that the public has in the decision-making processes of Government.

Contrary to the public interest:

- The release of this information The release of this information may have a substantial adverse effect on the agencies concerned by enabling members of the public to circumvent the proper processes which are put in place to provide appropriate business services.
- It is considered unreasonable to disclose details relating to the staff of other agencies who do not liaise with the public on freedom of information matters.
- The details of the staff members concerned are not available externally.

Having considered the various factors weighing for and against disclosure, I have determined that disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Determination 6

I have determined that access to the following documents is **refused**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
25	Minute to Minster for Primary Industries and Regional Development signed 08 August 2024 – A6414272	6

Access to the above document is refused pursuant to Clause 1(1)(e) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act which states:

“1 – Cabinet documents

(1) A document is an exempt document –

(e) if it contains matter the disclosure of which would disclose information concerning any deliberation or decision of Cabinet;”

The information removed would reveal detail of a matter considered in Cabinet.

Determination 7

I have determined that access to the following document is **refused**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
56	Parliamentary Briefing Note – Wild Dog Management – 07 October 2025	8
57	Parliamentary Briefing Note – Wild Dog Management – 05 August 2024	6
58	Parliamentary Briefing Note – Wild Dog Management – 08 April 2024	5

Access to the above document is refused pursuant to Clause 17(c) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act which states:

“17 – Documents subject to contempt etc

A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the public disclosure of which would, but for any immunity of the Crown –

(c) infringe the privilege of Parliament.”

The document consists of a briefing note which was specifically prepared for the purpose of use in proceedings in Parliament. Disclosure of this information would infringe the privilege of Parliament.

Pursuant to Section 27(2) of the FOI Act, an agency must not give access to a document containing the business affairs of a third party unless it has taken steps to obtain the views of the person concerned as to whether or not the document is an exempt document.

The documents concerned, as outlined in this determination, are as follows:

Part Release:

- 24b, 39 and 41

As the third parties concerned have not responded despite follow-up attempts made by the Minister's Office, the determination has been made without the informed views of those third parties. Pursuant to Section 27(3)(c) of the FOI Act, the third party has been advised that access will be given to the documents, in full or in part, and has been provided with their rights to review and appeal.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 27(3)(d) of the FOI Act, the Minister's Office is required to defer access to these documents until such time as all reviews and appeals are concluded or the time for lodging an appeal or review has lapsed. If no reviews or appeals are received within thirty days of the date of this determination, the Minister's Office will provide you with access to these documents.

The remaining documents which are subject to this determination are attached. Please note, Document 24b has been attached excluding the portion subject to deferred release.

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.

Should you require further information or clarification with respect to this matter, please contact Ms Jessica Scudds on telephone (08) 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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