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Dear Mr Whetstone

I refer to your application (receipt number 18086257) pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the FOI Act) on 24 July 2023 requesting access to:

A copy of all correspondence (including but not limited to hard copy or electronic briefings, minutes, reports, emails, letters, meeting agendas, diary entries, event attendance records and any other correspondence) between Green Industries SA and the Member for Port Adelaide (including the Port Adelaide Electorate Office and the Member's staff) relating to the River Murray Flood Response, River Murray Flood Clean-Up, or River Murray Flood Recovery between 23 May 2023 and 24 July 2023

Due to a determination not being provided within the statutory timeframe, you sought an internal review on 24 August 2023.

A total of three documents were identified within the scope of your application. These are listed in the enclosed schedule. The information contained in the documents has been considered under the provisions of the FOI Act and as Principal Officer I have determined to grant full access to all three documents. Copies of the documents are enclosed with this determination.

In accordance with the FOI Act and *Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2018* in relation to applications from Members of Parliament, no amount is payable for the costs associated with this determination.

Pursuant to section 39 the FOI Act, if you are dissatisfied with this determination, you have the right to apply to Ombudsman SA for an external review. You have 30 days from the date on which you receive this letter to apply for an external review. If you have any questions about an application to the Ombudsman, please visit their website (www.ombudsman.sa.gov.au/freedom-of-information) or contact their office on (08) 8226 8699.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Josh Wheeler, Associate Director Governance and Business, on telephone (08) 8204 2586 or email josh.wheeler@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Ian Overton
Chief Executive / Principal Officer
GREEN INDUSTRIES SA

7 September 2023

Documents Schedule

| No. | Document | Determination | Exemption clause | Reason |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------|
| 1 | Email from Ministerial Adviser dated 26 June 2023 enclosing two emails | Full access | Nil | N/A |
| 2 | Email from Electoral Assistant to constituent dated 21 June 2023 | Full access | Nil | N/A |
| 3 | Email from constituent to Electoral Assistant dated 21 June 2023 | Full access | Nil | N/A |

Wheeler, Josh (GISA)

From: Natt, Ashley (DIIS)
Sent: Monday, 26 June 2023 9:45 AM
To: Wheeler, Josh (GISA)
Attachments: Email Response.PNG; Email.PNG

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Just an FYI attached.

Ashley Natt

Adviser

(EPA, GISA, Green Adelaide, Landscapes, Heritage, Native Vegetation)

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From: Vines, Steve <Steve.Vines@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 21 June 2023 9:38 AM
To: mford@projectleadership.net.au
Cc: Pt Adelaide EO <PtAdelaide@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Subject: Meeting request

Dear Mike

I refer to your various emails last month where you request a meeting with Susan in her role as the Member for Port Adelaide.

The matters you raise do not have a direct bearing to Susan's Electorate Office role and your meeting request is denied. Should you have any local matters that this office can assist with please do not hesitate to reach out.

More particularly, you raise issues in relation to the integrity and probity of Green Industries SA and assert that these matters need to be considered by Crown Solicitor's Office, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Office of Public Integrity, Department of Treasury and Finance, ICAC and the ACCC.

I encourage you to raise these matters directly with these entities if you wish to pursue your claims.

Yours sincerely

Steve Vines

Electorate Assistant

From: mford@projectleadership.net.au <mford@projectleadership.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 10:06 AM
To: Vines, Steve <Steve.Vines@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Cc: Pt Adelaide EO <PtAdelaide@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Meeting request

Dear Steve,

Thank you for the following email, in response to my email to the Electorate Office of Susan Close 23 May 2023 detailing issues with the River Murray Flood Response.

This email is acknowledged in light of my understanding when I recently visited the electorate office for an update, Cameron advised you were to call me to discuss the issues raised.

I now note your intention was to respond in email.

In relation to your denial of my meeting request with Susan to discuss the issues raised in my email, on the basis, of your belief, the matter has no direct bearing on the Susan's electorate role, you will note I am a constituent in her electorate, residing in Swan Street Semaphore.

As is stated in my email, my company, whose registered office is also Swan Street Semaphore, has been denied opportunities in relation to the River Murray Flood response due to the behaviours of Green Industries SA.

Hence this has a direct bearing on Susan's electorate role.

Susan also needs to be aware the issues I have raised have contributed to the recent budget going from surplus to deficit, with the Treasurer referencing budget pressure on the flood response as a factor.

As I advised in my email, my company previously effectively led the bushfire response on Kangaroo Island for Green Industries, the then Minister responsible, David Speirs is now the opposition leader.

It is to he I will now turn with the issues I have raised, that he, no doubt, will raise these issues in parliament.

I will also advise David of this response.

Kind Regards