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11 December 2009

Mr Michael (Vica) Bayley
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Dear Mr Bayley

Freedom of Information (FOI) Request – FOI09/12

I refer to your *Freedom of Information Act 1991* request dated 13 November 2009 for the following;

1. *API mapping in shape file format (or other GIS format) – forest types, height classes, senescence, logging history;*
2. *Permanent Forestry Inventory Plots – tree diameter and/or basal area and/or biomass data;*
3. *Currently available plot data for carbon storage or wood volumes in Tasmania's public forests;*
4. *The latest oldgrowth forest data layer in shape fileformat (or other GIS format) (if different from the API mapping);*
5. *Any allometric equations, published or unpublished, for biomass or timber volume for Tasmanian native tree species;*
6. *Detailed data on the disturbance history of Tasmania's native forests, and;*
7. *The raw data on carbon emission and sequestration data from the 3000 sites on state forests used in the MBAC report*
8. *Current boundaries for all logging coupes in Forestry Tasmania's 2009-2012 wood production plan, in shapefile format.*

With respect to your requests 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8, this data and their documentation are valuable commercial Intellectual Property assets of Forestry Tasmania, and are therefore exempt under Section 32 of the Act. As a Government Business Enterprise, Forestry Tasmania is engaged in commercial activity, and release of this information under the Act would expose the organisation to competitive disadvantage in the following ways:

- Forestry Tasmania would no longer be able to benefit from providing the information as either direct or in-kind contributions towards its equity and/or influence in collaborative research programs or operational projects.



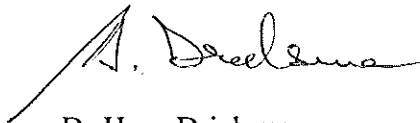
- Forestry Tasmania would have reduced opportunity to benefit from the sale of products and services derived from its own information.
- Commercial competitors would benefit, without cost, from Forestry Tasmania's investment in the development and formulation of detailed technical procedures.

Some of this information and similar information was subject to a rigorous discovery process in the Federal Court of Australia; it was ultimately determined to be confidential commercial information and was dealt with accordingly (Brown vs Forestry Tasmania).

The information requested in point 4 and 6 has been publicly released in 1:250000 map format under the Regional Forest Agreement.

You are entitled to request a review of this decision under Section 22 of the Act and you have 28 days within the receipt of this notice to do so. It is deemed that you would have received this notice on the fifth day after it was posted.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hans Drielsma', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Dr Hans Drielsma
Executive General Manager
Designated FOI Officer