



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



Dr Michael Crawford
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Our reference: R17/252;

15 February 2017

Dear Dr Crawford

Notice of Decision – Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act)

I am writing to advise you of the outcome of your recent application to access information held by the NSW Rural Fire Service regarding the following:

"EPYC PTY LTD has lodged a DAVEIS for the proposed Jupiter wind farm near Tarago. Bushfire and fire fighting risks are one aspect of the EIS. I request a copy of all advice material the RFS has provided EPYC, or its agents (E.G. ERM) in relation to risks and firefighting associated with Jupiter and its broad vicinity (E.G. within 5kms)."

Enclosed is the Notice of Decision which outlines my determination.

In summary, the NSW Rural Fire Service has conducted comprehensive searches and has been unable to locate information falling within the scope of your request.

I have therefore determined that, pursuant to section 58(1)(b) of the GIPA Act, the information you requested is not held by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

Your application took approximately 3 hours to process. Your \$30.00 application fee covered the first 2 hours and I have decided to waive further charges.

If you do not agree with this determination, you may wish to exercise your rights of review. These rights and the steps you may take to exercise them are detailed in the attached fact sheet published by the Information and Privacy Commission.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact a NSW RFS Officer on (02) 8741 5280.

Yours sincerely

Harinniya Bhogal

**Manager, Legal and Government Information
Right to Information Officer**

- Encl:
1. Notice of Decision
 2. IPC Fact Sheet – Your review rights under the GIPA Act

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1. Summary of access application

On 18 January 2017 the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) received your access application under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA Act). You asked for information regarding:

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2. Decision

I am authorised by the principal officer, for the purposes of section 9(3) of the GIPA Act, to decide your access application.

The NSW Rural Fire Service has conducted comprehensive searches and has been unable to locate information falling within the scope of your request.

Pursuant to section 58(1)(b) of the GIPA Act, the information you requested is not held by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

This Notice of Decision outlines the reasons for this decision and any important questions of fact underlying those reasons.

You can ask for a review of this decision. For details about how to do so, see part 8 of this Notice.

3. Searches for information

Under the GIPA Act, an agency must conduct reasonable searches for the government information requested. A search of NSW RFS records was undertaken by the NSW RFS Lake George District office and Planning and Environment Services of the NSW RFS to identify all government information falling within the scope of your request.

No documents falling within the scope of the request were found.