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Dear CR

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST N-15100-LT0688 – NOTICE OF DECISION TO IMPOSE A CHARGE**

I refer to your request to the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) for access to documents under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the FOI Act).

I am writing to advise you of my decision that you are liable to pay a charge in respect of the processing of your request under s 29 of the FOI Act. I am an officer authorised under s 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests.

I have assessed the work that NOPSEMA would need to do to process your request based on the documents identified as within the scope. My preliminary assessment of the charge you are liable to pay is \$229.67. An itemised assessment of the charge is enclosed at **Attachment A**.

### ***Payment of deposit***

As the charge exceeds \$100, a deposit of 25% is required (\$57.42) before NOPSEMA will resume processing your request.

Payment can be made by cheque or by direct deposit into the following account:

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

BSB: 066-000

A/c No: 1072 0887

Account Name: National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA).

The deposit is not refundable except in some limited circumstances (for example if NOPSEMA fails to make a decision on your request within the statutory time limit) or may be refundable in part if the final charge is less than the deposit paid.

### ***Your right to challenge the charge***

Under the FOI Act you have the right to contend that the charge has been wrongly assessed, should be reduced, or should not be imposed.

If you contend that the charge should be reduced or not imposed, I will take into account the following considerations:

- whether payment of the charge, or part of it, would cause you financial hardship
- whether giving access to the document[s] is in the general public interest or in the interest of a substantial section of the public any other relevant matter.

***Time you have to respond and what you need to do***

Within 30 days of receipt of this notice you are required to do one of the following things:

- (1) agree to pay the charges in full or pay, as a minimum, the deposit amount (\$57.42); or
- (2) provide reasons contending that the charge has been wrongly assessed, should be reduced or not imposed; or
- (3) withdraw your request.

In accordance with s 31 of the FOI Act, I am permitted to suspend the time limit for processing your request from the day that you receive this notice. This time limit will resume on either:

- the day you pay the deposit
- the day on which I decide not to impose a charge following consideration of any contentions you may make.

If you do not provide a written response to this notice by **6 November 2024** your request will be taken to be withdrawn.

If you have any questions about the matters raised in this notice please contact me on the details above.

Yours sincerely

Michela Giubilato

**Freedom of Information Authorised Officer**

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