

I bring the following information to your attention in regard to Order 1089:

1. Points 1 and 2 are satisfied through Order 1082.
2. CSIRO has made a limited number of redactions to the documents to be produced pursuant to public interest immunity.
3. There are no documents that CSIRO is failing to provide on the basis of a public interest immunity claim and most redactions are due to the material being out of scope of the categories for the Order.
4. For the redactions to parts of documents that are within the scope of the categories of the orders, CSIRO's redactions under public interest immunity are either:
 - a) consistent with an exchange between Senator Janet Rice and Mr Craig Roy at the 11 February 2016 Senate Estimates hearing (pp 65 and 66 of draft *Hansard*); or
 - b) relate to an individual identifiable by that information and release of the information is unreasonable. Release of this information would be contrary to the protections afforded to personal information by both the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988* and is contrary to the public interest.

The attached table (Attachment 1) outlines the basis of the redactions that have been made.

If you have any queries regarding this letter please contact CSIRO's Chief Finance Officer Ms Hazel Bennett on 02 6276 6633.

I have copied this letter to the Leader of the Government in Senate, Senator the Hon George Brandis QC.

Yours sincerely



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SENATOR THE HON ARTHUR SINODINOS AO
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Senator the Hon Stephen Parry
President of the Senate
Parliament House
CANTBERRA ACT 2600


Dear President

I write to you in my capacity as Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation, and Science.


This letter is in response to two orders, both made by the Senate on 15 March 2016 and both amended on 16 March 2016—specifically Order 1082 moved by Senator Larissa Waters and Order 1089 moved by Senator the Hon Kim Carr—relating to certain documents in the possession of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

CSIRO has conducted a collection of documents that are responsive to categories (a) - (f) of Order 1082 and Order 1089. The collection process included correspondence conducted by officers of CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere using private email systems that were used at the time in order to limit circulation of the information amongst potentially impacted CSIRO staff. In the case of a number of documents relevant to a category but containing additional material on other topics, the irrelevant material has been redacted, with all redactions being marked up.

I bring the following information to your attention in regard to Order 1082:

1. The sets of documents responsive to categories (c) and (e) have been merged as all documents relevant to (c) are also relevant to (e). Similarly, for the sets of documents for categories (d) and (f) as all documents relevant to (d) are also relevant to (f).
2. In relation to the (d)/(f) category there is an attachment to an email that is 9,901 pages long. Due to the length of this document (title 'Analysis Future Trends'), the document has not been provided in this collection but instead a two page summary of the contents of this document, prepared by CSIRO's Freedom of Information Officer, is provided together with the covering email message. CSIRO is, of course, willing to provide the full document if the Senate requires it.
3. The documentation collected is extensive. For reasons that are not related to the Order, CSIRO continues its search for documents on these topics and if any further documents that are responsive to the Order categories are identified, CSIRO will then provide these as a supplementary response to the Order.

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