



ARCS: 292-30
File: FIN-2017-71780

January 4, 2018

Sent via email:

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Finance. Your request is for:

A copy of the records disclosed for FOI file AGR-2014-50031, which was a request for: Any and all records, including email correspondence and attachments, pertaining to the division of the Agricultural Land Reserve into two zones with separate application considerations including: Soil quality data, climate change data, consultations with or considerations of information from soil scientists, climate scientists and food security specialists; Any other data the ministry used to support dividing the ALR into two zones; Advice recommending against the division of the ALR into two zones; Consideration of the ALC Chair's feedback on the proposed changes; Any projections related to dividing the ALR into two zones with separate exclusion criteria, including projections on: Changes to the number of exclusion approvals, additional loss of agricultural land, changes to the average asking price for agricultural land and changes to the number of agricultural jobs. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2012 To 10/02/2014)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of five business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Patrick Craib, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 387-7620. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604 660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1 800 663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250 387-7620.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Craib", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick Craib, FOI Specialist
On behalf of Matthew Prodan, Manager
Open Information Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>

If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250 387-5629 Fax 250 387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.