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DIER embraces the objectives of the *Right to Information Act 2009* (RTI Act) to:

- (1) improve democratic government in the State by increasing our accountability to the people of the State, and
- (2) increase the ability of the people to participate in their governance.

DIER will continue to be proactive, routinely publishing information it believes will be of interest to the general public. See **Policy for Routine Disclosure**

DIER will actively respond to requests for information. See **Policy for Active Disclosure**

A core principle the department upholds is that information it holds and uses in its delivery of services to the Tasmanian community belongs to the people of Tasmania.

Statement of Basic principles

The following principles will guide the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources in making decisions about what information it releases and the method of making that information available.

- DIER holds information to assist it to perform its responsibilities for the benefit of the people of Tasmania
- By law some of the information DIER holds is not able to be released to the public generally or to individuals
- DIER will make information it holds, publicly available when it is of interest to the general public
- Access to information will be provided at the lowest reasonable cost
- All requests for information will be addressed in a timely manner
- Assessed disclosure is the method of last resort
- Unless there are exceptional circumstances people should be given access to their personal information

As the custodian of information for the benefit of the people of Tasmania, DIER will publish information it holds which it considers to be significant and of general public interest – see **Policy for Routine Disclosure**.

Members of the public may seek information which is not routinely published. Unless there is good reason not to publish all or some of the information DIER will make the information available – see **Policy for Active Disclosure**.

When DIER determines that some or all of the information it holds should not be disclosed it will tell the person making the request and explain their rights to seek the information or a review of the decision not to release the information.

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Norm Mcilfpatrick

SECRETARY

2 August 2010