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Subject: Re: FOI 2013/17 - s24AB(2) Notice of intention to refuse - request consultation
Date: 3 April 2013 6:27:50 PM AEST
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Dear Beth.

Further to my email dated March 26th, 2013 and as discussed by phone when I called you on Thursday afternoon, March 28th, 2013 below are draft aims for our discussion tomorrow.

This email provides an initial list of CSIRO's needs as perceived by me from your letter dated March 26th, 2013. Included are my needs. The aim is to ensure understanding so that we can have a productive phone call leading to CSIRO's needs and my needs being met.

Draft aims for our discussion tomorrow:

- Confirm and clarify CSIRO's needs as expressed by Beth Maloney;
- Clarify my needs with a view to greatly reducing CSIRO's resources, time and work in fulfilling my FOI request;
- Identify specifically ways to make it easy for CSIRO to fulfil my needs and CSIRO's needs;
- Explore and develop alternatives for me to modify my request to meet CSIRO's needs while meeting my needs.

I suggest we clarify our aims at the start of our discussion.

CSIRO's needs as perceived by me:

- Reduce CSIRO's workload in fulfilling my request;
- Make my request more specific and narrower;
- Eliminate the need for CSIRO staff to produce documents whose release may need permission from a third party or from third parties;
- Recognise and consider that CSIRO has mountains of data from many years of research and that it is not possible or reasonable in practice to analyse such data to meet my request.

Have I omitted any of CSIRO's important needs?

My needs:

- Identify any reports (advice) from CSIRO upon which the government relies for its claim that human carbon dioxide (CO₂) caused global warming (aka climate change). This is reflected in my first FOI request;
- Identify whether or not CSIRO has any empirical scientific evidence and logical scientific reasoning for the claim that human CO₂ caused global warming or global climate change. And if it has, to provide it so that I can satisfy myself of the accuracy and logic of CSIRO's claims;
- Ensure my request is balanced and reasonable. CSIRO provides a service to Australians and to Australian industry and presumably commercially to foreign entities. That service is vital to our nation, communities and individual businesses and to personal safety. Disruption to those services needs to be avoided.

Given the serious nature of the global warming (climate change) issue though, it should be easy to fulfil the core of my request.

I look forward to our discussion with intention to make a revised request that meets CSIRO's needs and my needs.

Referring to your letter's last sentence you stated, quote: "*I also note Dr. Andrew Johnson, Group Executive Environment of the CSIRO provided information relevant to this request and in response to your queries, in his email correspondence of 14 March 2011.*"

One of the reasons for my FOI request is that Dr. Johnson has failed repeatedly to provide empirical scientific evidence and logical scientific reasoning for his claim. Indeed, he has contradicted empirical scientific evidence.

Yet Dr. Johnson continues to state and/or imply that he has empirical scientific evidence as proof that human CO₂ caused global warming (aka climate change).

I'm sure you will understand my incredulity with Dr. Johnson's claims and CSIRO's public promotion of its public documents as containing empirical scientific evidence as proof of human CO₂ as cause of global warming (aka climate change). It's perplexing.

One of my qualifications is engineering. Another encompasses analysis of quantitative data and qualitative information. My

experience over many years applies these and other skills upon which the lives of hundreds of people have depended. Engineers apply scientific discoveries in the real world.

There are many eminent and reputable climate scientists and scientific researchers agree that CSIRO has never publicly presented any such evidence of which they are aware.

Further, with due respect for your kind effort in your most recent letter to list CSIRO documents publicly available, I and others have analysed many CSIRO documents claiming or purporting to scientifically support the (government's) core claim that human CO₂ caused warming. Yet none of those CSIRO many documents contain such evidence and reasoning.

These include a CSIRO document that CSIRO's Chief Executive (Dr. Megan Clark) reportedly stood by. Yet it contains no scientific evidence as proof of human causation of global warming. I've analysed every claim and statement in that document. I've offered Dr. Johnson the opportunity to refute my analysis. Yet he twice failed to identify, specify and justify any material error in my analysis of CSIRO's document entitled "*The Science of Tackling Climate Change*".

These concerns of mine with CSIRO are not your responsibility. They are though a source of frustration to many people including me and eminent Australian and international scientists and researchers.

The situation is damaging CSIRO's credibility. I'm confident that is important to you.

One would have thought it would be an easy matter for CSIRO to produce the required empirical scientific evidence of human causation.

I'd be satisfied, for example, if CSIRO could furnish one document providing empirical scientific evidence and logical scientific reasoning proving that human CO₂ caused global warming (aka climate change).

Given the enormous political, economic, scientific and social significance of climate I thought my request would be a relatively simple and easy request to fulfil.

Surely that would provide a huge narrowing in scope and require minimal work, time or effort from CSIRO experts who should be able to easily identify such a document with only a few minutes away from their important operational activities.

Perhaps I could narrow the search immensely by simply asking in my second request for CSIRO's experts to provide one document providing empirical scientific evidence and logical scientific reasoning proving the claim that human CO₂ caused global warming and that such warming will be catastrophic. Does that sound sufficiently narrow, straightforward, simple and easy?

Conceding that I am not familiar with CSIRO's internal procedures, I would nonetheless have thought that given climate's huge significance it would be a simple and very easy matter for a CSIRO expert or a small group of CSIRO experts to readily identify such a document or a very small collection of documents that fall readily to hand.

I feel concerned that CSIRO executives and public documents have repeatedly failed to identify any such documents. I feel perplexed that it is such a difficult issue for CSIRO.

Separately, I can see from my discussions with BOM's FOI unit that taken literally my second request would require combing through mountains of data and documents. That is not necessary though. I do not require raw data. BOM's FOI Coordinator and I were able to easily narrow the scope and continue my revised request.

Given that my request is inherently simple and given my intent to quickly identify a document providing proof of human CO₂ causing global warming, I expect it will be relatively simple for us to identify and agree on a mutually satisfactory and dramatic narrowing of the scope of my second request and, if necessary, further narrowing of my first request.

Hoping this email is of assistance to you Beth in presenting what I see as the inherent simplicity and fundamental significance of my request.

I look forward to our discussion tomorrow at 1:00pm your time, 12:00 noon here in Queensland.

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On 26/03/2013, at 9:48 AM, <foi@csiro.au> <foi@csiro.au> wrote:

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