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Dear Mr Whetstone

I refer to your application (receipt number 18165676) pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the FOI Act) on 11 August 2023 requesting access to:

*A copy of all correspondence (including but not limited to hard copy or electronic briefings, minutes, reports, emails, letters, meeting agendas, diary entries, event attendance records and any other correspondence) between Professor Ian Overton and Tracey Dodd regarding the River Murray flood response, Johns Lyng Group from 01/01/2023 to 31/07/2023*

On 12 September 2023 an extension of due date was applied to this application.

One document was identified within the scope of your application – listed in the enclosed schedule. The information contained in the document has been considered under the provisions of the FOI Act. My determination is to grant full access to the document and a copy is enclosed with this determination.

In accordance with the FOI Act and *Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2018* in relation to applications from Members of Parliament, no amount is payable for the costs associated with this determination.

Pursuant to the FOI Act, if you are dissatisfied with this determination you have a right to apply for an internal review. An application for internal review must be made in accordance with section 29(2) of the FOI Act.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact me on telephone (08) 8204 2586 or email [josh.wheeler@sa.gov.au](mailto:josh.wheeler@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

Josh Wheeler  
Accredited Freedom of Information Officer  
**GREEN INDUSTRIES SA**

25 September 2023

## Documents Schedule

No.	Document	Determination	Exemption clause	Reason
1	Email between Ian Overton and GISA Board members dated 9 January 2023	Full access	Nil	N/A

**Wheeler, Josh (GISA)**

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**From:** Overton, Ian (GISA)  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 January 2023 3:52 PM  
**To:** kmcguinness@adam.com.au; Paul Sandercock; 'Tracey Dodd'; Jodie Conduit; Vincent Tremaine; Adrian Skull  
**Cc:** Agars, Sue (GISA); Wheeler, Josh (GISA); Scales, Matthew (GISA); Harvey, Ian (GISA); Heinson, Michaela (GISA)  
**Subject:** Update on Disaster Waste Management Program - River Murray Flood (09/01/23)

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Dear Board members,

Happy New Year! A quick update on the River Murray flood clean-up program.

- River flow peak is now around Murray Bridge with the water levels receding at the border by about 20cm from peak levels. The peak at the border reached 189GL/day but the peak water levels are above the 1931 flood (210GL/day).
- Recreational access to the River Murray is still banned and it will be several weeks before water levels will drop enough to get access to properties (119 roads closed with 487km inundated).
- The timing of initial access to assess properties is still unknown with estimates being mid-late January to March.
- Joint funding by Federal and State Governments for \$60M clean-up and \$10M property assessment was announced on 3 January.
- Our current preferred approach is to work with a Tier 1 to coordinate the clean-up and this has been supported by the Minister. We are working on contractual arrangements which are significant for this size contract.
- Our Request for Quote for waste contractors has closed with 32 companies registering. We will check those on the list and provide this to the Tier 1 when contracted.
- Quotes are being sought to engage Work Health Safety consultants to ensure WHS aspects are properly addressed.
- A new Project Officer has been seconded from DEW to support the program and they started today.
- Data, mapping and communications aspects are all being developed and messages are being broadcast about registering your waste needs with the 1800 number. We are developing a dashboard like we did in the floods.
- We are looking at activities to be able to start as soon as possible, including an initial rapid property assessment and provision of skip bins.
- We are also looking into the potential for large community sandbag collection days in February so that these can be removed from people's properties to support the clean-up process and they can be collected before they break-down and sand enters the river. This is a potential good news story as the sand collected will then be reused in the recovery build-back for roads.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. So far the clean-up program has involved 10 staff, many at 100% of their time. I will be preparing an assessment of the impact of the clean-up on the GISA business plan for a future update.

Kind regards,  
 Ian

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