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Dear Mr Parnell MLC,

**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION**

I refer to your application pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act) received by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) on 25 January 2019, seeking access to:

*"A copy of the Chief Executive of Department of Environment and Water's letter of support in relation to the following Development Applications:*

- a) 520/L006/18 in relation to development at Sandy Creek, KI;*
- b) 520/L007/18 in relation to development at Cape du Couedic, KI; and*
- c) 520/L008/18 in relation to development at Sanderson Bay, KI."*

**DETERMINATION**

Searches of the Department's records have found that there is one (1) document held by this agency within the scope of your request.

As a DEW Accredited FOI Officer, I have determined to grant you full access to this document.

In accordance with [PC045 – Disclosure logs for Non-personal information](#) once a determination has been provided, the agency is required to make available on our website information and documents that have been disclosed. Information will be publicized online at <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/about-us/freedom-of-information/foi-disclosure-log>.

**FEES AND CHARGES**

The department has assessed this application and has determined that there is no charge for processing this application pursuant to section 53(2)(b) of the Act and Regulation 6 of the *Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2003* which states that access to documents by Members of Parliament (MP) is without charge unless the work generated by the application exceeds the threshold stated in the regulations, currently \$1000.

**YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS**

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you are entitled to exercise your rights to internal review and appeal as outlined in the attached documentation, by completing the attached Application for Review of Determination. If you decide to apply to exercise your rights to review, the completed form must be returned within 30 days to:

Chief Executive  
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If you have any queries in relation to the above please contact the FOI unit on telephone (08) 8463 6625 or email [DEW.FOI@sa.gov.au](mailto:DEW.FOI@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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To Whom It May Concern

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) would like to advise of their full support to three development applications by the Australian Walking Company Pty Ltd (AWC) for the development of tourist accommodation along the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail (KIWT) in Flinders Chase National Park.

The development of a multi-day walking trail was identified by the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) as a critical need for the development of the tourism industry on Kangaroo Island and to compete with nature-based destinations worldwide. In 2018, a 64 kilometre trail through Flinders Chase National Park and the Kelly Hill Conservation Park was opened to the public.

To improve the diversity of accommodation and guided walking experiences along the trail an opportunity was presented to the private sector, through an expression of interest process, for the development of eco-sensitive accommodation and tours. The AWC was selected as the preferred applicant due to their national and international reputation for delivering ecologically sustainable construction and operation of tourism accommodation that complements walking trail experiences.

AWC's development proposals encompass small-scale tourism development within the Flinders Chase National Park which is administered by DEW. I can confirm the proposals align with the intent of the recent amendments to the Park Management Plan that facilitate the development of small scale ecologically sensitive accommodation for trail walkers.

The proponents have consulted closely with the Department over the last 18 months to develop the proposals and they are considered to be consistent with the State Government Eco-Tourism policy objectives. The AWC proposals have the Department's full support.

Yours sincerely

John Schutz

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

