

Consulting Under Right To Information: Asking Your Views

WHAT IS CONSULTATION?:

- QBBC is required to obtain your views (consult) if we receive an application for documents that disclosure may be of concern to you.
- You will be given a list of legislative exemptions to help you frame your objections – if any.
- You will need to supply reasons for not wanting the documents to be released.
- You will be given sufficient time to respond in writing.

HOW IS A DECISION MADE?:

- The decision maker will make his/her own decision in support of or against disclosing whole or parts of the document/s.
- Your views will be taken into account.
- You will be given a written notice of the reasons once a decision is made.
- You have the right to appeal this decision.
- **Note:** The document/s WILL NOT be released until your appeals are finished – if the decision is to release.

UNHAPPY WITH THE DECISION?

OPTION 1:

- Lodge a request for **external review** with the Office of the Information Commissioner.
- Must be within **20 business days** from the original decision date.
- There is no set time frame for OIC to make a decision on your appeal.

OPTION 2:

- Lodge a request for **internal review (IR)**.
- Must be within **20 business days** from decision date.
- The internal reviewer **MUST** give you a decision notice within 20 business days.

STILL UNHAPPY WITH THE DECISION?

- Lodge a request for **external review** with the Office of the Information Commissioner.
- Must be within **20 business days** from the date of the new IR decision.
- There is no set time frame for OIC to make a decision.

For further information, visit qbcc.qld.gov.au
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