

Mr Ryan Williamson

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Dear Mr Williamson

### **Information Request – Isle of Rum Renewable Energy Systems Study**

Thank you for your information request, which we received on 5 March. We have considered your request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs').

#### **Your Request**

"I would like to obtain a copy of a 2008 study commissioned by SNH regarding energy generation on the Isle of Rum."

#### **Our Response**

Copies of both the Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports for the Feasibility Study into Generation Enhancements on the Isle of Rum are attached along with this letter.

We have marked out (redacted) some personal data in the documents. Releasing the personal data into the public domain in response to an access to information request would breach the Data Protection Act 2018. We are therefore withholding the information under EIRs Regulation 11(2) (Personal data).

#### **How We Handled Your Request**

We believe you have asked for environmental information as defined in the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs'), so we are dealing with your request under those regulations. To be able to use the EIRs, we must apply an exemption under section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ('FOISA'). The Scottish Information Commissioner's guidance recommends that public authorities apply this exemption to environmental information and handle requests under the EIRs.

If you would like to find out more about the access to information legislation, there is a guidance booklet available on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.aspx?IID=5487&sID=5024>.

#### **Review and Appeal**

I hope this information meets your requirements but if you are dissatisfied with how we have responded to your information request, please write to us within 40 working days explaining your concerns. You can contact us at Battleby, Redgorton, Perth, PH1 3EW or email us at

[FOI@nature.scot](mailto:FOI@nature.scot). We will carry out a review of our response and contact you with our findings within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied following this, you can make an appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Scottish Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
Fife  
KY16 9DS

Online appeal service: [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

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Yours sincerely

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