

## Public Interest Test Form

Case Name: EIR Log Number: ATI 848		Legislation considered under: Environmental Information Regulations (2004)
Information Element	Factors for Disclosure	Factors for withholding
Copy of Marine Conservation Society Grant Application form for the MCZ.	<p>Openness in the provision of information</p> <p>Promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities for their decisions.</p>	<p><b>12.5(e) Commercial Interest</b></p> <p>Grant application forms contain information on how the organisations propose to carry out their work in relation to a grant. The details of how they proposed to do the work could be replicated by other parties and would be to their disadvantage.</p> <p>Providing a copy of a grant application form containing an organisations commercial information may hinder future grant applications.</p> <p>In response to this request a summary of the grant outcomes has been provided; addressing the question posed without disclosing any commercial information.</p>

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**Weighing the balance of the above. Reasons for final decision.**

I agree with the factors for withholding. Grant applications (for which CCW normally provide match funding against funding provided by the applicant) are commercial in confidence documents which contain both financial and intellectual property. For this reason, it is not in the public interest to release grant applications made to CCW.



Signature..... Dr David Parker [Director]