Right to Information Decision – Public Disclosure Log
Right to Information No.: RTI201516-084

Information Requested

1 All information including, but not limited to, correspondence, email communication, briefings, ministerial briefings, file notes, meeting minutes, graphs, and maps with regard to website publication of real time data for testing results of all Tasmanian town reticulated water.

Time Period: 1 July 2014 to 4 February 2016.

Decision and Statement of Reasons

The application specifically pertains to the provision of real time monitoring data. There is currently a large amount of water quality data publically available. Both the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and TasWater publish an Annual Report on their respective websites that are available to download. TasWater field enquiries from members of the public for the provision of monitoring data and routinely provide the appropriate data sets upon request. These data are extracted from a master database and provide data for any period up to and including the date of request. DHHS has transferred part of this application to TasWater to answer your question as per the letter sent to you.

The legislative mandate of DHHS is the regulation of safe drinking water and the protection of public health. Undertaking this is done by managing the exceptions (i.e. those monitoring results that are non-compliant with the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines*) and as such, DHHS do not hold complete data sets and cannot provide access to real time monitoring data.

ATTACHMENT 3 2015-06-01

Letter Dorset Mayor.pdf

Foy, Cathy (DPaC)

From: Foy, Cathy (DPaC)
Sent: Monday, 1 June 2015 12:07 PM
To: 'dorset@dorset.tas.gov.au'
Subject: Water Testing Results

Dear Mayor Jarvis

On behalf of the Hon. Michael Ferguson MP thank you for your correspondence dated 25 May 2015. Please be advised that your correspondence will be forwarded to the Minister for his attention.

Thank you for contacting this office.

Kind regards

Cathy Foy

Cathy Foy
Administration Assistant

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Minister for Information Technology and Innovation
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DORSET COUNCIL

Our Ref: 15/4480

25 May 2015

The Hon Michael Ferguson MP
Minister for Health
1st Floor, Public Buildings
53 St John Street
LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

Dear Minister Ferguson

Water Testing Results

At the Dorset Council Meeting held on 18 May 2015, a Notice of Motion presented by Councillor Dale Jessup was unanimously agreed upon to *'request that water testing results for all Tasmanian town reticulated water systems be made publicly available via a suitably accessible website without delay.'*

I have provided background information below that was presented as part of this Notice of Motion.

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It is understood test results derived from TasWater reticulated water monitoring program are not made publicly available by either TasWater or the Department of Health and Human Services.

During the meeting held in pioneer on the 21st April it was clearly evident not being able to access these water monitoring results is adding to community concern regarding the ongoing water quality situation in Pioneer.

RECEIVED 28/5/15

Mayor Jarvis and Deputy Mayor Howard attended a meeting with TasWater since the public meeting on the 21st April and informally asked about accessing the water monitoring results, the response received outlined the test results were passed on to Department of Health and Human Services.

The Department of Health and Human Services were also informally asked about accessing the results, however, a response has not yet been provided.

Water monitoring conducted by TasWater should be a transparent process and as such water monitoring results should be accessible to all members of the public.

This request is also being forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer of TasWater, Mr Michael Brewster.

Yours sincerely

Barry Jarvis
Mayor

Minister for Health
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Tasmanian Government

WITS No.: 88199

Mr Greg Howard
Acting Mayor
Dorset Council
PO Box 21
SCOTTSDALE TAS 7260

Dear Mr Howard Greg

I refer to correspondence of 25 May 2015 about Water Testing Results from the late Cr Jarvis the former Mayor of Dorset Council.

TasWater owns and manages their water quality monitoring data.

Staff from Public Health Services within the Department of Health and Human Services recently held discussions with Mr Mike Brewster, the CEO of TasWater, on this matter. This resulted in an understanding that TasWater will work towards publishing monitoring data on their website.

Monitoring data are extensive and complex and vary somewhat from supply to supply. There is therefore considerable work required by TasWater to build and maintain a platform for the public release of high quality and readily understandable data.

Public Health Services are notified by TasWater when water quality monitoring results exceed the limits in the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines*, and pose a potential risk to public health. Public Health Alerts arising from such notifications are communicated directly to residents by TasWater, and a list of supplies currently subject to such alerts is maintained on the Public Health Services website.

The status of each water supply is also reported in the annual Drinking Water Quality Report, produced by Public Health Services, and is available on the website.

A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Mr Mike Brewster at TasWater.

I thank Council for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

Michael Ferguson

Michael Ferguson MP
Minister for Health

31 July 2015

ATTACHMENT 4 2015-07-16.

Dalgleish, Cameron C (DHHS)

From: Heggie, Stuart M (DHHS)
Sent: Thursday, 16 July 2015 2:22 PM
To: Lance Stapleton
Cc: Dalgleish, Cameron C (DHHS); Bronwen Sharples
Subject: RE: Publicly Available Monitoring data

Thanks for the feedback/update, Lance. It's consistent with the projected solution put forward by Mike/Andrew M at an earlier meeting.

I'm happy with the suggested way forward. Quarterly updates with a potential start date of early 2016 is not unreasonable, given the circumstances. If we're pressed on this topic by our Minister or other interested parties, we'll relay that advice in broad terms.

Cheers
Stuart

From: Lance Stapleton [mailto:Lance.Stapleton@taswater.com.au]
Sent: Thursday, 16 July 2015 1:55 PM
To: Dalgleish, Cameron C (DHHS); Bronwen Sharples
Cc: Heggie, Stuart M (DHHS)
Subject: RE: Publicly Available Monitoring data

G'Day Cameron,

I've had several conversations with the CEO about this about data provision, that's where the data portal thing came from.

There are a range of issues with respect to reliably providing up to date accurate information on the website for 76 systems but we are looking into what can be done, relatively easily, without creating a reporting industry.
I've indicated to Mike that it would be the end of this year, at soonest, before we could have something better than annual data and reports on the website.

I suggest we meet and discuss and agree on some timelines and deliverables.
In the medium term we are planning to put the 2014/15 annual report on the website once ready and approved by DHHS and the underlying data.

Beyond that I think we would be looking at potentially quarterly updates, but I want to do a thorough review of other water corps online reports first and get an idea of what the actual product will look like and from that how much work it will take.

Call to discuss when you have 5 min.

Cheers

Lance

Lance Stapleton
Department Manager Product Quality

MB/MV MEETING 28.1.16,

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(7) PUBLIC REPORTING OF MONITORING DATA.

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- DWER will be on TW website by 25.5.15 and
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- Starts with 13/14 financial year.
- Aim to move to quarterly reporting.

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Pentecost/Shavuot (Israel)

7.00 am TASWATER – MIKE B, ANDREW M.

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* Access to real-time data, + Compliance programs only
5.00 * MB doesn't want another report for PRD to undertake.
* MB to look at quarterly updates, + will need some
6.00 commentary surrounding results.
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