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Dear Mr Jennings

### **Right to Information Act 2009 External Review – Mr Andrew McCullagh**

I refer to the decision dated 24 July 2020 regarding Mr Andrew McCullagh's application for assessed disclosure under the *Right to Information Act 2009* (the Act).

You will recall that the applicant sought external review of that decision to this office. Please find attached my preliminary external review decision, on which I seek your input (if any), pursuant to 48(1)(a) of the Act.

Please advise as soon as possible whether or not you wish to provide a submission in response to the attached decision. If you seek to make submissions, please do so by no later than **24 June 2022**. Following that, the Ombudsman will address any submission/s you have made and make a final decision.

The Act, s49(5) provides, *The Ombudsman may publish a decision that he or she makes in respect of a review and the statement of reasons related to that decision*. It is our standard practice to publish decisions on our website, as part of ensuring that the administration of justice is public and transparent. Accordingly, we plan to publish the final decision at [www.ombudsman.tas.gov.au/right-to-information/reasons-for-decisions](http://www.ombudsman.tas.gov.au/right-to-information/reasons-for-decisions) in due course.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 6166 4566 or email [RTI@ombudsman.tas.gov.au](mailto:RTI@ombudsman.tas.gov.au).

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

**Leah Dorgelo**  
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