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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – NOTICE OF DECISION NOT TO IMPOSE A CHARGE – F198

I refer to your request to the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

I am writing to advise you of my decision that you are not liable to pay a charge in respect of the processing of your request under the *Freedom of Information (Charges) Regulations 2019* (the Charges Regulations). I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in relation to FOI requests.

In your FOI request, you made submissions in relation to the waiver of charges under both financial hardship (section 29(5)(a)) and public interest (section 29(5)(b) of the FOI Act). I have taken these submissions into account and have decided to exercise my general discretion under the Charges Regulations in this instance not to impose a charge for processing your request.

NOPSEMA will continue processing your request and a decision will be made by 1 May 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mandy Fittock

Freedom of Information Authorised Officer

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