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Mr Michael Kern
University Secretary (Internal Review Officer)
Secretariat & Records
JCU
Townsville 4811 Your ref: RTI/2014-15-02

Dear Mr Kern,

Right to Information Act 2009 – Request for Information

Further to the decision dated 21 November 2014.

In matters of education and science it is imperative that all sources of information be readily accessed and thus be verifiable. All scientific results and all educational material, within a public university framework, should be available for scrutiny.

All books and lecture notes are copyright. I fail to see how supplying copies may breach copyright. In any event, if material is used for university study, the copyright owner must surely be keen for full disclosure to the students and through the students to their future clients and the public at large?

I note that James Cook University Veterinary School is accredited by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS). Mr Nick Stace, CEO RCVS recently wrote: 'Funding issues for universities are for those universities to reconcile and while good practice would suggest there should be transparency'.

Accordingly I request that you conduct an internal review and provide full documentation of all aspects of the University's dealings with pet-food companies, including copies of lecture notes, Power Point presentations and text books.

With thanks,

Yours sincerely,



Tom Lonsdale

