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Mr Thomas Lonsdale
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Dear Mr Lonsdale

Freedom of Information ("FOI") Internal Review

You have applied for internal review of the determination on your FOI request for documents relating to agreements entered into between the University of Adelaide and pet food companies. Specifically, you have asked for review of the decision to withhold access to certain documents, and you have queried whether the University has disclosed all documents within the scope of your request.

Review of refusal of access to Documents 8 and 9 on Document List

I have reviewed the determination regarding Documents 8 and 9 on the Document List supplied to you. I have determined that copies of these documents are to be released to you, subject to the following:

- Names and email addresses are to be redacted to avoid unreasonable disclosure of personal information (Schedule 1 clause 6 of the FOI Act)
- I uphold the determination to withhold access to the draft agreement attached to the email comprising Document 8. This draft agreement is marked as "confidential" and contains information that is of commercial value to Hill's Pet Food Pty Ltd. I regard this to be an exempt document under Schedule 1 clauses 7(1)(b) and 13(1)(a) of the FOI Act.

Existence of further documents

In processing your initial application, the University's FOI Officer contacted all potentially relevant areas of the University. These included the University's School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences; Animal Laboratory Services; Student Administrative Services; Research Branch and the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research). All areas other than the School of Veterinary and Animal Sciences confirmed that they do not have any documents within the scope of your request.

In undertaking this internal review, I have asked the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences to undertake a thorough search of their records. Seventeen additional emails within the scope of your request have been produced by a staff member who was on leave at the time of your original request. I enclose copies of these emails (also with the redaction of names, email addresses and other details relating to the personal affairs of individuals).

I have no reason to believe that any other area of the University possesses any records within the scope of your request. If there have been any arrangements entered into between pet food companies and students or student groups, these would be matters between those parties and would not constitute University documents.

If you remain dissatisfied with this determination, you may apply to the South Australian Ombudsman for external review in accordance with s39 of the FOI Act.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Warren Bebbington', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Encl: Document list
Copies of released documents

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2014/10132 Internal Review – Document List

Documents under review

Document No	Document Description	Date	Determination
08	[Hills] Email exchange and draft agreement	5 Sept 2014	Release email Draft agreement remains exempt
09	[Hills] Email exchange	12 Sept 2014	Release

Additional documents

10	[Hills] Email exchange	1 Dec 2010	Release
11	[Hills] Email exchange	7 Jan 2011	Release
12	[Hills] Email exchange	10 Feb 2011	Release
13	[Hills] Email exchange	14 Feb 2011	Release
14	[Hills] Email exchange	18 Mar 2011	Release
15	[Hills] Email exchange	17 May 2011	Release
16	[Hills] Email exchange	23 June 2011	Release
17	[Hills] Email exchange	24 Oct 2011	Release
18	[Hills] Email exchange	4 Nov 2011	Release
19	[Hills] Email exchange	22 Nov 2011	Release
20	[Hills] Email exchange	3 Jan 2012	Release
21	[Hills] Email exchange	29 Feb 2012	Partial release One email redacted – personal affairs
22	[Hills] Email exchange	24 May 2012	Release
23	[Hills] Email exchange	30 Jan 2013	Release
24	[Hills] Email exchange	25 Feb 2013	Release
25	[Hills] Email exchange	9 Jul 2013	Release
26	[Hills] Email exchange	19 Aug 2014	Release