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**By email: [email address]**

Dear Ms Moore,

**Additional facilities for the making of an access application or the payment of an application fee**

I refer to your email dated 22 June 2016 seeking the Information Commissioner's approval in accordance with section 41(2) of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA Act) for additional facilities for the making of an access application or the payment of an application fee.

You have advised that the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) intends to implement online services, via OEH's website, to allow additional application and payment facilities for members of the public to make, and pay for, access application; and applications for internal reviews.

As Information Commissioner, I commend OEH's efforts to create a more accessible platform for applicants to request access to government information and approve your proposal for an online facility for applications for government information as an additional facility under section 41(2) of the GIPA Act. I note that under the GIPA Act the Information Commissioner is not required to approve online facilities for internal review applications.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Alternatively, your officers may contact David Marcus, Manager Performance Reporting and Projects, on [telephone number], or by email at [email address].

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Tydd  
**IPC CEO/NSW Information Commissioner**  
27 June 2016