

Please read the Introduction – See [Introduction](#).

Section 39: Research and Natural Resources

Section	Information Required
39(1)(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please show that the record contains information in relation to research and identify the relevant research concerned • Show that such research is being or is to be carried out by or on behalf of an FOI body • Is such research completed? If not, please indicate when such research is expected to be completed • Identify and describe the serious disadvantage to which the body, researcher or subject matter is, in your view, likely to be exposed by disclosure of the information • Identify the body, researcher or subject matter which, in your view, is likely to be exposed to such serious disadvantage • Show how disclosure of the information in the record (or its disclosure before completion of the research) would be likely to result in that serious disadvantage. What is it about the information which, if disclosed, would be likely to cause that harm? • Explain why, in your opinion, such serious disadvantage would be likely to occur.
39(1)(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please identify the relevant cultural, heritage or natural resource or the species, or habitat of a species, of flora or fauna whose well-being is expected to be prejudiced • Identify and describe the prejudice expected • Show how disclosure of the information in the record is expected to result in that prejudice? • Explain clearly why, in your opinion, the harm could reasonably be expected to occur.
39(2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide details of the public interest factors in favour of release of the record and the public interest factors against its release which you considered. • Explain why you concluded that, on balance, the public interest would not be better served by granting this request.