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20 December 2020

Mr Peter Malinauskas MP
Leader of the Opposition
Parliament House
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Sent by email: laborleader@parliament.sa.gov.au

Dear Mr Malinauskas

Freedom of information application

I refer to your request received by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) seeking access under section 13 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act) to:

All documents including correspondence, briefings, meeting requests, notes and emails in relation to the closure of the West End Brewery. All documents including correspondence, meeting requests, notes and emails received from Lion and/or West End Brewery.

Date Range: 01/01/2020 – 14/10/2020

Under the Act, an agency has 30 days to respond to a freedom of information request. As DPC did not respond to your request within the time frame required, the department is deemed to have refused you access to all documents relevant to your application. However, I have determined to process the request as if the statutory time frame had been met.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination.

A total of 3 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application and I have determined to grant access in full to these documents.

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Please refer to the attached schedule that describes each document and sets out my determination and reasons in summary form.

FOI Disclosure Log

In compliance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 - *Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information* (PC045), DPC is now required to publish a log of all non-personal information released under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.

In accordance with this Circular, any non-personal information determined for release as part of this application, may be published on the DPC website. A copy of PC045 can be found at the following address: <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars> Please visit the website for further information.

Right to internal review

If you are aggrieved with this determination, you have a right to apply for internal review under subsection 29(1) of the Act. Pursuant to subsection 29(2), your application must:

- be in writing
- be addressed to the principal officer, and
- be lodged at an office of DPC, or emailed to DPCFOIUnit@sa.gov.au within 30 days after the day on which you receive this letter or within such further time as the principal officer may allow.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Damian Gilbert, Freedom of Information Officer, on telephone (08) 8429 5489 or via email at damian.gilbert@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Eamonn Maloney
Accredited Freedom of Information Officer
Office of the Chief Executive
Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Attachment(s):

- Schedule of documents
- Documents for release

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SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS— DPC20/1592

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No.	Date	Document description	Exemption clauses	Released (part/full/refused)
1.	09/10/2020	Meeting Request – Lion	N/A	Released in full
2.	12/10/2020	Meeting Request – Lion	N/A	Released in full
3.	14/10/2020	Email – Media Release	N/A	Released in full

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Said, Danielle (DPC)

Subject: Dan Holland - Lion
Location: L15, SAC

Start: Fri 9/10/2020 1:00 PM
End: Fri 9/10/2020 1:30 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Morcombe, Courtney (DPC)

Said, Danielle (DPC)

Subject: James Brindley, MD, Lion to call Premier
Location: SAC

Start: Mon 12/10/2020 7:15 AM
End: Mon 12/10/2020 7:30 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Marshall, Steven (DPC)

Said, Danielle (DPC)

From: Courtney Morcombe 6(1) - Personal affairs
Sent: Monday, 26 October 2020 1:47 PM
To: Morcombe, Courtney (DPC)
Subject: Fwd: media release

----- Forwarded message 6(1) - Personal affairs
From: Courtney Morcombe
Date: Wed, Oct 14, 2020 at 7:45 AM
Subject: Fwd: media release
To: Ashton Hurn <Ashton.Hurn@sa.gov.au>, Paul Armanas <paul.armanas@sa.gov.au>

FYI.

Note also it seems the presser will now be 10.45 so post ours.

Cheers

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dan Holland <Dan.Holland@lionco.com>
Date: 14 October 2020 at 7:33:15 am ACDT
To: 6(1) - Personal affairs
Subject: media release

Hi Courtney, please see below statement – not going out until 9:45 Adel time.

Our team is not getting briefed until the same time.

Thanks again, Dan

Lion announces proposal to close to West End Brewery in South Australia

Wednesday 14 October, 2020: Today we have outlined to our team a plan to close the West End Brewery in June 2021.

This is a sad day for the West End team, Lion and South Australia.

West End has been operating well below its full production capacity for some time now and unfortunately this is no longer viable. We have come to this proposal as the best way to ensure we have a sustainable brewing network for the future.

The Australian beer market has been in long-term decline for the past decade as Australian drinkers choose other beverages, like wine, over beer. Per capita beer consumption has dropped around 20% in this time[1].

Our input costs have continued to rise against this backdrop of declining volume, and a further drop in draught beer sales as a result of the pandemic.

Our priority right now is the wellbeing of our team here at the Brewery.

This is no reflection on the dedication or capability of our team at West End and their contribution to this brewery and our brands over many years.

We recognise this is very difficult news and it comes at a particularly challenging time for our people.

We will be consulting with each and every team member to support them through this proposed change.

Those impacted by this proposal would have access to extensive outplacement support, and a West End Re-Skilling Fund of \$1 million, on top of any potential redundancy payments. We will work with the SA Government to optimise this support package.

Around a third of our existing team would remain in South Australia under this proposal across sales and sponsorship roles.

We acknowledge West End's 160-year history. We are a proud supporter of sports at all levels - sponsoring many competitions and teams in SA including the SANFL, the Strikers and the Redbacks – and of the pubs and clubs that bring communities together.

We are committed to doing all we can to see as many of our events and traditions continue and working alongside our customers during this difficult period as they recover from a very challenging year.

ENDS.

To allow us to manage capacity in line with social distancing requirements, please register your attendance ASAP to the media contacts below. All attendees must wear flat, closed-toe shoes. Protective eyewear and high-visibility vests will be issued on arrival.

TIME:

Media are kindly asked to arrive by 10:30am for a media conference at 10:45am.



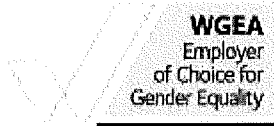
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and helping people to live well



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[1] Australian Bureau of Statistics, Apparent Consumption of Pure Alcohol Per Capita, 2019.

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