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**Subject:** AWPR Appropriate Assessment

On 23<sup>rd</sup> of June I emailed Finlay Bennet at SNH Aberdeen asking whether an appropriate assessment had been issued or agreed by SNH with respect to the crossing of the Dee SAC by the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route.

As yet I have received no reply.

I have in my possession a copy of a document issued by Jacobs, the agents of Transport Scotland, entitled '**Report to Inform an Appropriate**

**Assessment for the River Dee SAC**'. Could you tell me whether this is the actual 'appropriate assessment' required under the Habitats and Species Directive? If not, is there another document approved by SNH or any other competent authority which constitutes the actual 'appropriate assessment' for the Dee crossing? If so, may I have a copy of that appropriate assessment?

Further to this enquiry I request under both the Freedom of Information Scotland Act and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations copies of any documents, letters, emails, reports and minutes of meetings in relation to the crossing of the River Dee SAC by the AWPR exchanged between Jacobs, Transport Scotland, Scottish Ministers and Scottish Natural Heritage within the period from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007 until the present day.

I appreciate that parts of the appropriate assessment may be confidential. As a former senior civil servant and a professional biologist I hereby undertake not to communicate any portions of the appropriate assessment labelled confidential to other parties except by agreement with SNH.

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