

From: Pat Swords <email address redacted>
To: Aarhus Compliance
Date: 03/10/2015 13:02
Subject: Some information update on ACCC/C/2014/112

Dear Maricar / Fiona

The below and the attached is the recently received decision from the Commission for Environmental Information in relation to Coillte and an appeal made by Oliver Cassidy of Lakelands Wind Information Group (LWIG). The situations, which lead to this, is described in Pages 15 and 16 of the original Communication ACCC/C/2014/112 in relation to failures under Article 4 of the Convention. Although it erroneously stated there that the matter wasn't appealed, although it had in fact been appealed, but the Commissioner of Environmental Information was not then processing appeals.

The decision below and attached, over two years after the appeal was made, confirmed the position that the information should have never been withheld in the first place.

Regards

Pat

Begin forwarded message:

From: [email address redacted]
Date: 1 October 2015 17:01:53 IST
To: Oliver Cassidy [email address redacted]
Subject: **Decision of the Commissioner for Environmental Information**

Dear Mr Cassidy,

I refer to your appeal to the Commissioner for Environmental Information against the decision of Coillte in relation to your request dated 26 April 2013, under the Access to Information on the Environment Regulations 2007 to 2014 (Our Reference: CEI/13/0008).

Enclosed please find the Commissioner's decision in the matter, signed today. A hard copy will be sent to you by post.

Decisions of the Commissioner are published on this Office's website at <http://www.ocei.gov.ie/en/Decisions/Decisions-of-the-Commissioner/>. There may be a short delay of about a week before the decision appears on the website.

A party to an appeal or any other person affected by this decision may appeal this decision to the High Court on a point of law arising from the decision, in accordance with the provisions of Article 13 of the Regulations. Such an appeal must be initiated not later than 2 months after notice of the decision is given.

On behalf of this Office, I apologise once again for the long delay in reviewing your appeal case.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard McCabe
Investigator
Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Information