Uncovering the Environment: The Use of Public Access to Environmental Information

Information Sheet

The University of Dundee is conducting a research project on the right of access to environmental information and how people utilise their right to obtain information from public authorities. This research project is being conducted by the School of Social Sciences at the University of Dundee. The Principal Investigator of the research project is Professor Colin Reid, the Co-Investigator is Dr Jonathan Mendel and the research assistant for the project is Dr Sean Whittaker.

The purpose of the research is to help us understand how people access environmental information, why people seek access to such information and what people do with the information disclosed to them. These findings will help us to assess the impact of environmental information regimes and make recommendations for future refinement of law and practice. We are looking for individuals who have experience in accessing and using environmental information that is disclosed by public authorities.

Participation in the interview is voluntary, and the answers provided will be anonymised at the point of transcribing. If you decide to participate in the study you may withdraw at any time. If you decide to not participate in the project or withdraw from participating at any time, you will not be penalised.

All data gathered by the research team will be securely stored (on the University of Dundee’s secure servers, or encrypted when off-site). At the conclusion of the project the anonymised data will be archived with the UK Data Service, which is accessible to users of the site.

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