

Confidential information in the Pacific National Declaration Application

The Council accepts that the limited confidentiality claims made in the relevant parts of the Pacific National (PN) Declaration Application and the associated Castalia Report are necessary to protect commercially confidential information and are unlikely to impact upon the ability of interested parties to respond to the application. However, the Council considers that it is desirable a description of that confidential information is available to interested parties to ensure that the issues raised can be addressed or alternative estimates provided if parties choose to do so.

The Council has agreed the following brief descriptions of the content of the redacted paragraphs with the Applicant:

Application

Para 5.3

Contains PN's estimate of its share of freight carried on the relevant rail networks in volume terms and PN's projections of future share of the freight task on each rail network.

Para 5.7

Details PN's current access agreements, supporting the rail haulage contracts detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the Application.

Para 5.8

Details of PN's current applications for access across the relevant rail networks.

Para 6.47

Specifies rail haulage costs (\$/tonne) and the percentage this cost represents of the cost of coal shipped FOB from Australia.

Para 7.33

Contains PN's own estimate of growth in export coal to 2019.

Castalia Report

Paragraph on p 7

In this paragraph Castalia provide an example of the difficulties that may be presented where the term of an access contract/agreement differs from the term of a carriage contract with a customer.