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Subject: FW: 19/21891 - FOI request - Belconnen Section 48 blocks 20 and 13

From: EPSDFOI <EPSDFOI@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 19 August 2019 4:29 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: EPSDFOI <EPSDFOI@act.gov.au>; Johnston, HeatherG <Heather.Johnston@act.gov.au>
Subject: 19/21891 - FOI request - Belconnen Section 48 blocks 20 and 13

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Dear [REDACTED],

In Heather's absence this week, the Information and Knowledge Management Team will progress your application request.

Thank you for your assistance in refining the scope of your request.

The documents you are seeking fall into two categories –

- those that are publicly available and
- those that require assessment and a decision on release by an Information Officer

I will organise for the Access Canberra Customer Services team to provide the public register associated documents relevant to your request, as refined below, directly to you as soon as possible.

I am seeking your agreement to an extension of 13 days, making the decision due date 6 September 2019.

Thank you for your consideration of this request..

Kind regards,

Denise Easton

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 9 August 2019 12:20 PM
To: Johnston, HeatherG <Heather.Johnston@act.gov.au>
Cc: EPSDFOI <EPSDFOI@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FOI request - Belconnen Section 48 blocks 20 and 13 - more information required

Hi Heather,

Comments below.

Thanks,

From: Johnston, HeatherG <Heather.Johnston@act.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 8 August 2019 5:13 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: EPSDFOI <EPSDFOI@act.gov.au>

Subject: RE: FOI request - Belconnen Section 48 blocks 20 and 13 - more information required

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and I apologise for the delay in responding.

The original scope was in 2 parts:

1. *public information in regards to the DA Approval of works currently being undertaken on Block 20 Section 48 Belconnen and Block 13 Section 48 Belconnen, under the Freedom of Information Act 2016.*
2. *all documentation, including relevant emails, their attachments and planning documentation pertaining to Block 20 Section 48 Belconnen and Block 13 Section 48 Belconnen.*

The scope clarification (below) is unfortunately still unclear as I am not sure which part of your request the second two dot points relate to. I would like to make sure I have not misinterpreted your meaning and therefore ensure you get what you are looking for. I have made notes in green.

- By “public information” do you mean the public register documents for a specific DA? This would include documents such as the application form, plans and supporting documents and notice of decision. – **correct is this for all 20 DAs, or just those lodged after Jan 2016? Just those lodged after Jan 2016**
- Please include all DAs and DA amendments from Jan 2016 – **does this include amendments on DA’s first lodged prior to Jan 2016 or just those where the original DA commenced after Jan 2016? does this timeframe relate to part one, two or both Just those lodged after Jan 2016**
- Please limit documents to the following: **does this relate to part one, two or both? noting it is similar in scope to the public register documents captured in part 1 and some documents may be in scope for both parts of your application in relation to both parts. I agree they’re similar – below was just to provide clarity on the document types.**
 - DA documents submitted limited to statement against criteria and plans only
 - Notice of decisions provided
 - Stamped plans provided
 - Entity advice from any notice of decisions

I am happy to discuss on 02) 6207 1941 if it would be quicker to clear this up over the phone.

Kind regards

Heather

Heather Johnston

Freedom of Information

Phone 02 6207 1941

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From: EPSDFOI <EPSDFOI@act.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 15 July 2019 5:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: EPSDFOI <EPSDFOI@act.gov.au>

Subject: RE: FOI request - Belconnen Section 48 blocks 20 and 13 - more information required

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, I tried your office phone just now but you may have left for the day.

I have had a look at the scope of your request and need some more information from you in order to commence processing. At this stage the scope is not clear enough to enable me to identify the information sought. It does not meet the criteria under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* to be considered as an access application and enable processing to occur.

To assist you to refine the scope and enable processing I have outlined the issues, or parts of the request where clarification is required.

Your email states:

"I am writing to request the release of public information in regards to the DA Approval of works currently being undertaken on Block 20 Section 48 Belconnen and Block 13 Section 48 Belconnen, under the Freedom of Information Act 2016. "

I am not certain how to interpret this sentence.

By "public information" do you mean the public register documents for a specific DA? This would include documents such as the application form, plans and supporting documents and notice of decision.

Where you say "currently undertaken", I need some more information. The blocks in question have a number of DAs lodged against them and this directorate does not have oversight of which, if any, construction works commence following DA approval.

The second part of your application states:

"I am requesting all documentation, including relevant emails, their attachments and planning documentation pertaining to Block 20 Section 48 Belconnen and Block 13 Section 48 Belconnen. "

For this part of your request do you mean you seek all documents relating to DAs for blocks 13 and 20 section 48? Or all documents held by the agency relating to those blocks and sections?

A search of our electronic record keeping system identified 20 individual development application files linked to those blocks created since 2004 and containing over 3200 documents. Older records may exist on hard copy files for development and planning approvals undertaken before the electronic record keeping system was rolled out. EPSDD would also hold records relating to leasing of those blocks since Belconnen was first established.

Please be aware that if interpreted broadly, the volume of documents captured would be extremely large and could result in a refusal to process under section 44 if processing would require an unreasonable and substantial diversion of resources.

You may provide clarification by email, or to make sure we are on the same page it may be easier to have a chat, please feel free to give me a call on 6207 1941.

Kind regards

Heather Johnston

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Phone 02 6207 1941

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, 8 July 2019 1:14 PM

To: EPSDFOI <EPSDFOI@act.gov.au>

Subject: FOI request

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request the release of public information in regards to the DA Approval of works currently being undertaken on Block 20 Section 48 Belconnen and Block 13 Section 48 Belconnen, under the Freedom of Information Act 2016.

I am requesting all documentation, including relevant emails, their attachments and planning documentation pertaining to Block 20 Section 48 Belconnen and Block 13 Section 48 Belconnen.

In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am seeking information for use in my company's business, [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]