

Mr John Smith

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Dear Mr Smith

Decision on Freedom of Information Access Application 22/93775

I refer to your application made under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act) received by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) on 19 July 2022, in which you sought access to documents relating to kangaroo cull and grazing reports.

Specifically, you are seeking:

- “- The titles and delivery dates of all final reports and documents delivered to or produced within the Directorate, since 1 January 2010, in relation to the culling of kangaroos*
- The titles and delivery dates of all final reports delivered to or produced by the Directorate, since 1 January 2010, in relation to grazing.”*

I am an Information Officer appointed under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

EPSDD must make a decision on your application on or by 16 August 2022.

Searches Conducted

Comprehensive searches were conducted and the titles of reports within the scope of your application were identified. A document has been created, listing the name and date of 31 reports from 2012. Formal reports were not created in 2010 and 2011.

Decision on Access

I have included as **Attachment A** to this decision the schedule of the relevant document. The schedule provides a description of the document that falls within the scope of your application and the access decision for this document.

I have decided to grant full access to this document relevant to your application.

My access decision is detailed further in the following statement of reasons and the document released to you is provided as **Attachment B** to this letter.

Material Considered

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- the FOI Act, particularly sections 6, 17 and 50
- the content of the documents that fall within the scope of your request
- information publicly available

Public Interest Considerations

My reasons for deciding not to grant access to certain documents and components of these documents are as follows:

Factors Favouring Disclosure

In applying the public interest test, I have determined that disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to do the following:

- Schedule 2, 2.1(a)(i) – promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government’s accountability.
- Schedule 2, 2.1(a)(ii) – contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest.
- Schedule 2, 2.1(a)(viii) – reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision.

Charges

In accordance with section 107(2)(b) of the Act any charges applicable are waived.

Online Publication

Under section 28 of the Act, EPSDD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, this decision and documents released will be published in the EPSDD disclosure log no earlier than three days after you receive this decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

You may view the EPSDD disclosure log at

<https://www.environment.act.gov.au/about-us/access-government-information/disclosure-log>

Ombudsman Review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in the disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman. For more information and the application form for Ombudsman review, please visit:

https://www.ombudsman.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0026/79190/Apply-for-Ombudsman-review.pdf

Alternatively, you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) Review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore St
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

Telephone: (02) 6207 1740

<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Further Information

If you have any queries concerning the Directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact EPSDD Customer Service on (02) 6207 1923 and ask for the FOI team, or email to EPSDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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9 August 2022