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Suburban Land
Agency

Dear [REDACTED]

Decision on Freedom of Information Access Application 23/080401

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) Portfolio on 1 August 2023.

Specifically, you are seeking:

“The documents I require are those referred to in the letter from Yvette Berry dated 24 May 2023. I have attached a copy for your reference.

In particular I would like to see the part of the Lawson Estate Development Plan landscaping design that includes the concrete bollards. As there were no residents in Lawson in 2012, I would also like to know which parts of the community were consulted on the design and to see the responses received (without identifying information of course).”

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

As an extension to the due date was requested, a decision on your application must be made on or by 22 September 2023.

Searches Conducted

Comprehensive searches were conducted by EPSDD Portfolio officers for information relevant to your application. However, no documentation containing information relevant to your application was identified.

The information requested relates to an Estate Development Plan Development Application (DA-201222857) process managed by EPSDD. Documents held in relation to DA-201222857 were examined in detail and no information relating specifically to the inclusion of the bollards located on Stockman Avenue, Lawson were identified.

Section 34(1) of the Act requires a respondent to take reasonable steps to identify information that falls within scope of the access application. I am satisfied that reasonable steps were taken to identify any information.

Decision on Access

Searches conducted have not identified any information specific to the scope of your application. I am satisfied that a thorough process was completed to locate the information you are seeking. I have therefore decided, under section 35(1)(b) of the Act the information is not held by EPSDD.

Charges

In accordance with the *Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2018* no charges are applicable to this application

Online Publication

Under section 28 of the Act, EPSDD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application and this decision 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
15 Constitution Avenue
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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