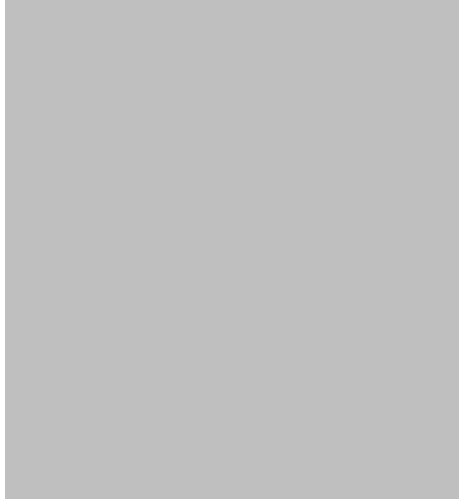


To: EPSDFOI <EPSDFOI@act.gov.au>

Subject: Re: FOI Request 18/28930 - Peppercorn sub-leases

Thanks Daria. I'm happy to revise the scope of my request to the existing leases.



On 4 October 2018 at 09:40, EPSDFOI <EPSDFOI@act.gov.au> wrote:

Dear 

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

I refer to your application, submitted to the Suburban Land Agency and received on 2 October 2018, in which you sought access to information under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act).

In your application you have requested access to all documents related to the four peppercorn leases granted by the Suburban Land Agency as referenced in the ACT Government's answer to Question No 1608 (as per the link you provided).

Scope of your request

Clarification on the scope of your request is required. As it is currently stated, the scope of your request is broad and may capture any document that references the property of any peppercorn sub-leases. This is likely to include documents that are of an administrative nature including numerous draft versions.

In order to facilitate efficient processing of your request and reduce the likelihood of incurring fees under the *Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2018*, please advise which specific documents or types of documents you are seeking in relation to

the above request. For example, you may be seeking copies of the existing leases for the four peppercorn leases referenced in your request.

Processing of your request will commence upon confirmation from you regarding the scope of your application. If no response is received by **Wednesday, 10 October 2018**, we will proceed to process according to the original scope of your application.

Agency Processing

Under a service agreement between the Suburban Land Agency and the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD), the response will be managed by the EPSDD Information Management team. In accordance with section 40 of the Act, the standard processing time requires that a decision on access to documents must be made within 20 working days of receipt, being 29 October 2018.

Third Party Consultation

In processing your application, consultation with relevant third parties may be required. In line with the Act, if third party consultation is required, the due date may be extended by 15 working days. If this is the case, you will be notified and advised of a revised decision due date.

Open Access Information

The Act requires that details regarding your request such as your application, decision notices, and information released to you, must be recorded in the agency disclosure log and be made publicly available on <https://www.act.gov.au/open-access>. Personal information about applicants is not disclosed. If you have any concerns about the information released to you being published, please let us know.

Should you have any queries in relation to the processing of your request please contact me on epsdfoi@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Daria.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 1 October 2018 11:11 AM
To: EPSDFOI <EPSDFOI@act.gov.au>
Subject: [REDACTED] Freedom of Information request

To the FOI contact officer,

I write under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 to request the following documents in possession of the Suburban Land Agency:

- All documents related to the four peppercorn leases granted by the Suburban Land Agency

The purpose of the ACT's new freedom of information laws is to enable the public to participate more effectively in government processes and to promote improved decision making within government.

The laws are also supposed to allow or assist inquiry into possible deficiencies in the conduct or administration of an agency or public official.

The SLA is the only government agency that current administers peppercorn leases and has pushed back against revealing details of the leases through the ACT Legislative Assembly's questions without notice process (see <http://www.hansard.act.gov.au/hansard/qtime/answer10.pdf>)

I believe it is important these details are released publicly so the proper scrutiny can be applied to these deals being granted by government.

I can be contacted on [REDACTED] to discuss my request.

[REDACTED]