



ACT
Government

Environment, Planning and
Sustainable Development

Phone: (02) 6207 1923
Reference: 21/83621

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information 21/83621

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 14 September 2021, under which you sought access to:

- *Molonglo 3 East (statutory) Concept Plan being prepared by EPSDD*
- *Molonglo Valley Active Travel Master Plan being prepared by EPSDD*

This is referring to the contents of the document from the tender 53971.RFT.01, Molonglo 3 East Preliminary Roads and Earthworks Design, Urban Water Management Strategy and Concept Plans, Author: Major Projects Canberra Infrastructure Delivery Partners, final dated 4 August 2021. Both documents are referred to in section 4.3.10 on page 17.

I am an Information Officer appointed under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act and on behalf of EPSDD must decide on your request on or by 12 October 2021.

Decision on Access

In responding to the request comprehensive searches were conducted across EPSDD and advice was sought from the EPSDD Development and Implementation Division as the area with responsibility for the matters raised by the request.

Firstly, I am satisfied that all appropriate searches were conducted to identify the records sought. I am advised that the above tender referenced the '*Molonglo 3 East (statutory) Concept Plan being prepared by EPSDD*' and the '*Molonglo Valley Active Travel Master Plan being prepared by EPSDD*' in the context of future work that prospective tenderers would need to be aware of in completing work under the tender. I understand that both were described as concurrent studies.

In relation to the referenced '*Molonglo 3 East (statutory) Concept Plan being prepared by EPSDD*', I am advised that internal preliminary work has begun to develop this plan but that it does not exist in a completed state. Similarly, in relation to the referenced '*Molonglo Valley Active Travel Master Plan being prepared by EPSDD*' I am advised that this is future work yet to be undertaken by EPSDD and does not at the time of assessing your request exist.

For these reasons, I am satisfied that EPSDD does not hold information identified as relevant to your request.

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.

Separately, I note that EPSDD continues its strategic planning and due diligence activities for a significant portion of the Molonglo Valley District, including Molonglo as the next new suburb in the area. As this work progresses, there will be opportunities for community consultation to ensure clarity, certainty and visibility of planning objectives and directions.

Yours sincerely



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