

From: [Price, Ruth](#)
To: [EPSDFOI](#)
Cc: [Gilbert, SallyL](#); [Clacher, Philip](#); [Hillcrest, Jessica](#); [Valeri, Teagan](#); [ACT Affordable Home Purchase](#); [SLA Legal Services](#)
Subject: NEW FOI request received directly by SLA - : FOI Request [REDACTED]
Date: 26 August 2022 11:47:36

OFFICIAL

Good morning team

The SLA received an FOI request to the affordablehomepurchase@act.gov.au email on Monday 22 August 2022 and by the Legal Services team this morning. Apologies for the delay in formally progressing this request to you and understand the time has progressed under the FOI Act. The team were deliberating if they would provide the documents directly to the applicant given their statement in blue below.

A team member advised this morning they have some of the documents. The PDD documents are essentially the same as those released via [FOI 21/119698 - ALN Tenders and Affordable Housing Purchasing Scheme](#) – however the risk assessment/registers question is about general ACT Government and may require liaison with EPSD and the project teams within the SLA who prepared the release of the land.

See original request below

*an the applicant is requesting the following documentation to be released *noting if the SLA is not prepared to release 3 & 4, please consider this a request under the ACT Freedom of Information Act 2016.*

As a result, I request that the SLA:

- 1) Communicate with the Builder and us the clients and provide timely, regular updates on the progress of the build and any delays
- 2) Inform me of the name and contact details of the SLA-engaged building assessors. I may see if they will act as my certifier as well- for a fee
- 3) Provides me with a copy of the Deed or Contract between SLA and ALN
- 4) Provides a copy of all ACT-Government and SLA Risk Plans related to the Affordable Home Purchase Scheme.

If the SLA is not prepared to release 3 & 4, please consider this a request under the ACT Freedom of Information Act 2016.

Thank you
Ruth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 22 August 2022 9:36 AM
To: ACT Affordable Home Purchase <affordablehomepurchase@act.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] Whitlam

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Dear SLA

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Release under this Act must balance competing needs. I believe my request meets the objects of the Act. I accept that financial details may be redacted in issuing a copy of the Deed or Contract. However, the whole document should not be refused under a blanket claim of Commercial-In-Confidence because:

· the nature of the contract between SLA and ALN keeps being referred to by the SLA and is important



I am happy to discuss any aspect of my response.

Yours sincerely





ATTACHED SLA email 'SLA Response to Contract concerns, 28 January 2022

From: [EPSDFOI](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI 22/116847 – Acknowledgement of Freedom of Information Application
Date: 30 August 2022 16:31:00

Good afternoon [REDACTED],
Thank you for your email, I have contacted the business area and requested the deed for [REDACTED] Section 27 Whitlam.
Kind regards,
Libby Hill

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 August 2022 16:22
To: EPSDFOI <EPSDFOI@act.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: FOI 22/116847 – Acknowledgement of Freedom of Information Application

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Hi Libby,
can I please have the deed for [REDACTED] Section 27 Whitlam.
thank you

From: EPSDFOI <EPSDFOI@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 30 August 2022 8:53 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI 22/116847 – Acknowledgement of Freedom of Information Application

Good morning Ms Goyne,
Thank you for your email, I will engage with the relevant line area and advise that you are seeking only the deed for [REDACTED] Section 27 Whitlam. A request for document searches has been sent regarding requested the risk assessments. Could you please clarify if you are only seeking them for [REDACTED] Section 27, Whitlam?
Kind regards,
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 August 2022 18:48
To: EPSDFOI <EPSDFOI@act.gov.au>

Subject: Re: FOI 22/116847 – Acknowledgement of Freedom of Information Application

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Hi Libby,

Thank you, one of these deeds is probably the one I am looking for however I can't tell which one as there are several, they have different start dates and relate to different blocks in Whitlam. The block numbers are redacted would you please contact the affordable home purchase team and ask them to identify the correct contract or deed my property is [REDACTED] section 27 in whitlam.

Secondly, as you are aware I have asked for the risk assessments. I could not seem them. How is that part of my FOI request going?

Regards,

[REDACTED]

On 29 Aug 2022, at 13:35, [REDACTED] wrote:

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

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

Date: 29 August 2022 at 11:46:13 AEST

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FOI 22/116847 – Acknowledgement of Freedom of Information Application

Dear [REDACTED],

FOI 22/116847 – Acknowledgement of Freedom of Information Application

I refer to your application received by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) on 22 August 2022, in which you sought access to information under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act).

Specifically you are seeking:

"...a copy of the Deed or Contract between SLA and ALN and, a copy of all ACT-Government and SLA Risk Plans related to the Affordable Home Purchase Scheme."

[Information publicly available](#)

We have been able to locate information that may be of assistance to you via the below link. This information relates to ALN Construction Group and the ACT Government Housing Affordability Scheme. If this information satisfies your request could you please email EPSDD and provide a written withdrawal of your request.

<https://www.environment.act.gov.au/admin/functionality/disclosure->

[log-search?queries_summary_request_query=21%2F119698](https://www.environment.act.gov.au/foi-search?queries_summary_request_query=21%2F119698)

Decision

In accordance with section 40 of the FOI Act, the standard processing time requires that a decision on access to documents must be made within 20 working days of receipt, being on or by **19 September 2022**.

Please note: Freedom of Information application timeframes are likely to be impacted by COVID-19, and whilst are continuing to work to meet statutory timeframes, this may not be possible in all instances. We are committed to working with you and responding as best we can under the current circumstances. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

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.

Charges

Please be aware that processing charges may be payable in relation to your request. Should you be liable to pay a processing charge, you will be notified in writing of the preliminary assessment and given an opportunity to make an application that the charge should be remitted in whole or in part. Alternatively, you may wish to revise the scope of your request. A specific request of narrow scope may reduce the time required to process your application and the likelihood of fees applying

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 made publicly available; the disclosure log is published on

<https://www.environment.act.gov.au/about-us/access-government-information/disclosure-log>. The identity of 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 at EPSDFOI@act.gov.au

Kind Regards

Libby Hill

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