



ACT
Government

Environment, Planning and
Sustainable Development

Phone: (02) 6207 1923
Reference: 24/024403



Dear 

Decision on Freedom of Information Access Application 24/024403

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 8 March 2024.

Specifically, you are seeking:

The consultant design report(s) for the Phillip site Block 2, Section 22 - 1, 3, 5 IRVING STREET, Phillip, ACT 2606. Known as the Phillip Pool and Ice Skating rink. In relation to the Woden Valley district plans for the new ACT planning system. Including:

- *Any other background consultant documents regarding community, arts and sports infrastructure planned for the Woden Town Centre;*
- *What was the purpose of the report/design outcomes for the pool site, given that this site is privately owned?;*
- *Who(m) made the decision that only a 25m indoor pool was sufficient for Woden Valley, given the community was not asked about this plan?*

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

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, a decision on your access application must be made on or by 24 April 2024.

Searches Conducted

Comprehensive searches were conducted by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) across all business areas for documents relevant to the scope of your application.



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Searches conducted by EPSDD have not identified any documents specific to the scope of your request. The searches were conducted using the information you provided, including additional Directorate database searches. I am satisfied that all appropriate searches were conducted and completed and therefore, there are no documents held by EPSDD relevant to the scope of your request.

The [Woden District Strategy](#) was released to the public on 11 September 2023 to help guide how the Woden district will change and grow towards 2038 and beyond to 2050. This growth will be in a way that keeps the territory sustainable, competitive, and liveable.

The Woden District Strategy notes that with increasing densities in the town centre, appropriate and accessible recreation facilities are an important consideration. A publicly accessible swimming pool facility will be retained to service the surrounding community. Given the higher level, strategic nature of the district strategies, no further detail investigation into the pool, nor other specific recreation or sporting facilities, has been undertaken by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate.

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/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



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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

Allara House

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

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