

Date 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

The FOI Information Officer  
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate  
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Via email: CMTEDDfoi@act.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

***Request for the release of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 (ACT) (The FOI Act).***

This request is an application for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act. I respectfully request the provision of all documents relating to the proposed development of BLOCK 16 SECTION 10 CITY (70 Allara Street) as follows:

- a. A copy of all documentation relating to any alteration in the last ten years to the original permissible use of the land at 70 Allara Street, including any and all reasons for altering the original permitted purpose.
- b. A copy of all documentation relating to the granting of any lease in the last ten years of the land at 70 Allara Street, including any and all decisions relating to the granting the lease.
- c. A copy of all documentation relating to any proposal in the last ten years, for development of the land at 70 Allara Street, including the Geocon proposal and any and all recommendations and decisions made to date in relation to the proposal to develop the site.

To assist in the application and minimise the effort and resources required in meeting the application request I am happy for documents to be provided in an electronic form on a USB or similar electronic memory device and where multiple emails exist simply provide the final complete train of emails.

The provision of this information will permit [REDACTED] residents at 66 Allara Street, along with the broader Canberra community, to have visibility on the processes and issues relating to the sale and development of this site and engagement with the ACT Government, regarding the impact of the above mentioned development on 66 Allara Street and surrounding amenities.

I contend that, as per Section 107 of the FOI Act, any charges for processing the application and provision of said documents should be waived on the grounds that access to the documents is in the general public interest. The public interest in this matter is clearly related to the detrimental impact to residents in the adjacent building at 66 Allara Street and the surrounding amenities and the number of media articles on the sale and proposed development of this site as far back as 5 June 2020.

The documents in question are in the general public interest or in the interest of a substantial section of the public.

The documents relate to an agency decision that has been a topic of public interest or discussion, and disclosure of the documents would better inform the public as to why or how the decision was made, including highlighting any problems or flaws that occurred in the decision-making process.

I look forward to hearing from you and receiving the requested documents.

Your sincerely,

