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FOI – Information Management Team
ACT Cladding Taskforce
Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Sir/Madam

I write seeking access to documents under the FOI Act.

I am seeking access to documents containing information about cladding on hospitals. Specifically, I am seeking the following information:

- a) ACT hospitals and/or health campuses, and/or multi-purpose services that have been subject to inquiries and/or investigations by the Cladding Taskforce.
- b) I also seek the Taskforce's classification of the buildings' risk, and the exact brand and typing of the cladding found.
- c) I further seek hospitals, and/or health campuses, and/or multi-purpose services tasked with removal and/or remediation works by the Taskforce relating to cladding. I also request confirmation on whether these remediation works include replacing any cladding with Fairview Architectural's Vitracore G2 panel.

I ask the information officer charged with reviewing this application call me to discuss the scope of my request.

I advise I am not interested in duplicate copies of documents or documents that have already been publicly released or media releases, media articles or media statements.

I would also like advice if the information I have sought is due to be released under FOI to individuals or organisations prior to finalisation of my FOI application.

I also note the onus rests with the agency to prove why any information should not be released under the Act and I request the agency provide evidence in support of any assumptions or assertions used to justify non-disclosure.

I also advise the agency I am seeking a total reduction in fees and charges associated with this request as release of the information will: contribute to community understanding on an important issue and inform debate and improve government accountability and transparency.

Further, the ABC is a non-profit, publicly funded broadcaster and warrants a remission of fees and charges on that basis. I also request the agency provide a five-day waiting period before provision of the information I have sought onto any disclosure log as this will assist the ABC in the preparation of any material for broadcast or publication including assessing the information and seeking additional comment including from government.

I refer to FOI guidelines on this issue and request that if the agency ignores these guidelines that detailed reasons why be provided.

If I can assist with the processing of my request, including negotiation of scope, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Michael McKinnon, the ABC's Freedom of Information Editor is involved in this request, and is an authorised party to act on this request for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC).

Yours sincerely,
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