



**ACT**  
Government

Environment, Planning and  
Sustainable Development

Phone: 6207 1923  
Reference: 18/04753

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of information request: 18/04753 – City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency land acquisition directions**

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) on 20 February 2017, in which you sought access to City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency land acquisition directions.

Specifically, you are seeking:

*“documents relating to the development of the directions relating to the acquisition of land by the City Renewal Authority or Suburban Land Agency. These documents may include, but are not limited to, initial correspondence or proposals, internal notes, system logs, assessments or analysis of proposals or policies. I ask that any search undertaken also include any documents created prior to 1 July 2017.”*

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

EPSDD is required to make a decision on your access application by 20 April 2018.

**Decision on access**

Searches were completed for relevant documents and 38 documents were identified that fall within the scope of your request.

I have included as **Attachment A** to this decision the schedule of relevant documents. This provides a description of each document that falls within the scope of your request and the access decision for each of those documents.

I have decided to grant access in full to 35 documents relevant to your request. I have decided to refuse access to two documents as I consider them to be contrary to the public interest information under schedule 1 of the Act.

I have decided to grant access, under section 50 of the Act, to copies of documents with deletions applied to information that I consider would be contrary to the public interest to disclose.

My access decisions are detailed further in the following statement of reasons and the documents released to you are provided as **Attachment B** to this letter.

### **Material considered**

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- the FOI Act, particularly Schedule 1; and
- the content of the documents that fall within the scope of your request.

### **Exemptions claimed**

My reasons for deciding not to grant access to the identified documents and components of these documents are as follows:

#### **Contrary to the public interest information under schedule 1 of the Act**

Some of the identified documents are entirely composed of, or contain information that is considered to be contrary to the public interest under schedule 1 of the Act.

The information withheld is subject to legal professional privilege and Schedule 1, section 1.2 of the Act applies.

#### **Online publishing – disclosure log**

Under section 28 of the Act, EPSDD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents released to you in response to your access application will be published in the EPSDD disclosure log no sooner than three and no longer than 10 working days after the date of decision. Your personal information will not be published.

You may view the EPSDD's disclosure log at

<http://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.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email: [ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:ombudsman@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/>

If you have any queries concerning the Directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact EPSDD Customer Service on 62071923 and ask for the FOI team, or email to [EPSDFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDFOI@act.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



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