



**ACT**  
Government

Environment, Planning and  
Sustainable Development

Phone: 6207 1923  
Reference: 19/19582

Dear [REDACTED]

### **Freedom of Information 19/19582**

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 18 June 2019, in which you sought access to Federal election campaign material.

Specifically, you are seeking:

*“documents regarding the Federal election campaign material, political advertising, or political messaging, in particular:*

- *Internal documents regarding election campaign material, political advertising, or political messaging;*
- *Correspondence with the National Convention Centre Canberra;*
- *Correspondence with the Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC); and*
- *Any other advice provided to public servants or other entities regarding election campaign material political advertising, or political messaging.*

*Documents may include, but are not limited to, internal correspondence, call logs, notes, Ministerial correspondence, correspondence from or within Minister’s offices, meeting notes, agendas, correspondence to external entities, internal documents, internal policies, requests for advice, advice provided, and any other types of documents.*

*I ask that searches be undertaken for documents from 11 April 2019 to 18 May 2019.”*

I am an Information Officer appointed 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 16 July 2019.

### **Searches Conducted**

Searches were conducted, two documents were identified that are considered relevant to your application.

One of the identified documents being an all of ACT Government employee email, this email was authored by an employee of Chief Minister’s Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD). As your application was submitted to CMTEDD, and as the owner agency of this document, access will be decided by an Information Officer of CMTEDD.

## **Decision on Access**

I have included at **Attachment A** to this decision the schedule of relevant documents. The schedule provides a description of each document that falls within the scope of your application and the access decision for each of these documents.

In my decision, I have not considered one identified document as it is publicly available via the following website <https://www.tonyburke.com.au/media-releases/2019/5/6/media-release-labornbspwillnbspget-the-basin-plan-back-on-tracknbsp>.

## **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 my decision will be published in the EPSDD disclosure log no earlier than three days after the date the decision is provided to you. Your personal contact details will not be published.

You may view the EPSDD's 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:

[http://www.ombudsman.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0026/79190/40A-Reviews-Factsheet-and-Application-Form-final-A1569634.pdf](http://www.ombudsman.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0026/79190/40A-Reviews-Factsheet-and-Application-Form-final-A1569634.pdf)

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

**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](mailto:EPSDFOI@act.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



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16, July 2019

