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Environment, Planning and
Sustainable Development

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Reference: 21/67887

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By Email: contact@ado.org.au

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information 21/67887

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 30 July 2021, in which you sought access to documents relating to the 2021 Kangaroo Cull.

Specifically, you are seeking:

Information on the recently completed '2021 kangaroo cull' in six nature reserves in Canberra:

- 1. How many kangaroos were killed from **each** of the six (6) reserves?*
- 2. Of the kangaroos killed, how many females from **each** of the six (6) reserve?*
- 3. Of the female kangaroos killed, how many had in pouch joeys or were lactating?*
- 4. Of the kangaroos killed, what was the weight and sex of each animal?*

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

As you granted two extensions, EPSDD must make a decision on your application on or by 24 September 2021.

Searches Conducted

Comprehensive searches were conducted and one document within the scope of your application was located.

Decision on Access

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

The relevant document contains field data in spreadsheet format. The field data answers the first three of your questions. The weight of animals was not recorded as part of the culling program. Two of the reserves are managed as a single unit of the program.

I have decided to grant full access to the document relevant to your application.

My access decisions are detailed further in the following statement of reasons and the document released to you is 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 sections 6, 17, schedules 1 and 2 of the Act
- the content of the document that falls within the scope of your request
- your views regarding the public interest
- information publicly available.

Charges

No charges are applicable to this application, the number of pages to be released is below the minimum threshold.

Online Publication

Under section 28 of the Act, EPSDD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, this decision and documents released 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

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.

Yours sincerely



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