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The Freedom of Information Officer  
Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate  
ACT Government

January 14th 2019

**Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2016**

Dear Sir,

I would be most grateful if you could provide under the Freedom of Information Act 2016, all documents particularly correspondence relating to the proposed use of the ACT rail corridor for freight purposes between any ACT government body with the NSW government department - Transport for NSW.

The location is Block 11 Section 47 Division Fyshwick. The documents I am seeking are for the period 1 October 2016 to the present and would include reference to rail use and ACT Government consent/licence granted or to be applied concerning the custodial block.

I ask for;

- Emails;
- Email attachments;
- Correspondence;
- Memos;
- Records of meetings;
- File notes;
- Reports;
- Agreements
- Any Issued leases or licenses
- Any other communication record.

This request is made with the presumption of release under section 7 of the 2016 Freedom of Information Act and is made in the public interest which is to have available information which allows the public to see how government and its agencies operate. This information will allow all residents of Canberra to understand the purpose of Development Applications for construction on and near the strategic Sydney-ACT railway corridor in an IZ2 urban environment.

Disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to promote a more open and informed discussion of the proposed location of an ACT rail freight terminal which has now become very public and controversial. Disclosure will enhance Government accountability and contribute to positive and informed debate on this issue of significant public importance. Consequently I request that any fees or charges relating to this request be waived. If any of these documents evoke privacy issues under Schedule 2.2 (a) (ii) I am agreeable to partial release and to receive them in a redacted form with names and personal details omitted. This should remove the requirement for third party consultation and achieve a more timely release.

A DA for the construction of a hardstand for railway use on the rail corridor has been submitted for notification. The special benefit to the public is the need to ensure that citizens have sufficient information to enable them to actively participate and contribute to the consideration of relevant issues through their submissions on that forthcoming DA.

I look forward to a timely release of the above documents. My preferred method of communication is by email at the address above.

Sincerely,

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