

17/06/2021 by email to [EPDFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:EPDFOI@act.gov.au)

Dear Freedom of Information Coordinator,

On behalf of [REDACTED] I would be grateful for your assistance with this FOI request related to Draft Variation 369 (NI2019-807), available for public consultation 12 December 2019 - 8 May 2020. 82 submissions were received.

We refer directly to Submission No. 50 by Tait Network, which states:

*"Tait Network prepared the investigative study Planning and Design for Living Infrastructure as part of Residential Intensification in a Changing Climate (Living Infrastructure Report) for the Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) in 2018.*

*Tait Network considers that the intent of the Living Infrastructure Report has been misinterpreted through DV369. The misrepresentation of recommendations results in restrictive, unintended consequences for the built form.*

*Tait Network was commissioned to complete background research to map the current canopy coverage and permeability across six study areas. The analysis of this work led to a series of recommendations on how to improve canopy coverage and increase permeable surfaces at the suburb, street and block scale. Whilst we acknowledge the strong environmental intentions of DV369, the outcomes as currently written have misaligned the balanced enquiry presented in the Living Infrastructure Report and will heavily impact opportunities to provide quality housing outcomes, with notable impacts on affordable housing aspirations.*

*We feel strongly that DV369 undoes the intention of the Living Infrastructure Report and misapplies the concepts suggested. The following sections identify key issues in the application of DV369."*

[REDACTED], at its general meeting on 16 June 2021, agreed to FOI the Tait Network's draft and final reports on Living Infrastructure concerning the Tait Network's draft and final reports that provided background to Draft Variation 369.

That key background study constitutes relevant information to Draft Variation 369 and is referenced in the Explanatory Statement as "the study" and "the project", but was repeatedly withheld from public inspection, which violates Section 63 of the Planning and Development Act 2007 in two respects. Not only is it necessary to provide all relevant background material to the public and the Assembly during the consultation period, but it is also necessary to identify any inconsistencies

between the recommendations contained in any background reports and the draft variation proposed.

Please confirm receipt of this FOI request, and advise if further information is required in order to expedite this FOI application.

Kind regards



Cc: Mick Gentleman (Minister for Planning and Land Management), Rebecca Vassarotti (Minister for the Environment), Andrew Barr (Minister for Climate Action), Jo Clay MLA (ACT Greens spokesperson for Parks and Conservation).