



ACT
Government

Environment, Planning and
Sustainable Development

Phone: (02) 6207 1923
Reference: 24/086687

By Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Decision on Freedom of Information Access Application 24/086687

I refer to your application made under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the FOI Act) received by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) on 9 August 2024.

Specifically, you are seeking:

“EPSDD has entered into a contract with SGS Economics (Contract No PIEP0004399) for ‘Identifying optimal locations for missing middle and medium density housing in the ACT’.

The tender for this work was issued through Tenders ACT. EPSDD would have prepared and issued the tender to Tenders ACT.

I am requesting under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 a copy of the tender that was issued to Tenders ACT for PIEP0004399.”

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 must decide your application on or by 20 September 2024.

Decision on access

In response to your application, comprehensive searches were conducted and three documents containing information within the scope of your application were identified.

I have included as **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 those documents.

In considering your application, I have taken the following into account:

- the FOI Act, particularly sections 6, 17, and Schedule 2;
- the content of the documents that fall within the scope of your request.

I have decided to:

- grant **full access** to all three documents which are provided to you at **Attachment B**.

Charges

In accordance with section 107(2) of the Act any charges applicable are waived.

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 Your personal contact details will not be published.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-us/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/accountability-and-oversight/freedom-of-information/foi-complaints-and-reviews>

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
15 Constitution Avenue
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 Agency's processing of your request, or would like further information, please email EPSDFOI@act.gov.au or call (02) 6207 1923 and ask for the Information Governance team.

Yours sincerely



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