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Subject: FW: Confirmation FOI received

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Hi Team

We have received the below FOI request that could possibly have input from EPSDD.

There is a chance CMTEDD may also hold some information on this, so will EPSDD accept a partial transfer?

Also note, I am about to send through another one from the same applicant for a similar topic.

Thank you

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Apologies for my error. The autofill function on chrome entered my work email address.

Please note the FOI request is requested privately, and is not related to my employment. Please use my private email address [REDACTED]

From: CMTEDDfoi@act.gov.au <CMTEDDfoi@act.gov.au>
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 4:03 PM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: Confirmation FOI received

Thank you for your email to the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) Freedom of Information (FOI) mailbox.

The Directorate will respond to you by letter, email or telephone depending on the nature of your request.

Information and guidance material regarding handling of requests submitted to the Directorate under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 is available on the CMTEDD FOI webpage at <https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/functions/foi>.

Your details

All fields are optional, however an email address OR full postal address must be provided for us to process your request. An email address and telephone contact number will assist us to contact you quickly if we need to discuss your request.

Title: [Redacted]
 First Name: [Redacted]
 Last Name: [Redacted]
 Business/Organisation: [Redacted]
 Address: [Redacted]
 Suburb: [Redacted]
 Postcode: [Redacted]
 State/Territory: [Redacted]
 Phone/mobile: [Redacted]
 Email address: [Redacted]

Request for information

(Please provide as much detail as possible, for example subject matter and relevant dates, and also provide details of documents that you are not interested in.)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 I want to access the following document/s (*required field):

The following requests relate to the Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment's Wood Heaters Report. It relates to information held by several agencies including: Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment ACT Health Directorate Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate Access Canberra Pg 4 of the Wood Heaters Report says that woodheaters and controlled burns were responsible for 403 air pollution complaints for 2017/18 and 2018-19. How many complaints specifically only related to woodheater smoke and not controlled burns? How many complaints related to each geographic district or suburb in Canberra? Please provide emails and written correspondence from the ACT Health Directorate to the as it relates to Air Quality Monitoring and Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment. Please provide emails and written correspondence from the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate to Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment on air quality assessments, building policy and regulation for wood heater installations. Please provide emails and written correspondence from the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (EPA) to Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment on regulation of wood heater smoke and odour, firewood merchant regulation, and annual reporting. Pg 11 of the Wood Heater Report only shows data on the Monash Monitoring station. Can the ACT Health Directorate please provide the same graphs and data (ie figure 2 and 3) for the Civic and

Florey monitoring stations for same period. Pg 14 of the Wood Heater Report discusses general information on firewood. ACT Firewood merchants are required to report on firewood. via the following access Canberra form. Please provide emails and correspondence between Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment and any ACT Government agency on firewood, and in particular the species and location of firewood, and whether it was from a plantation, non-plantation or salvaged.

<https://files.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/legacy/4335/Annual%20firewood%20report.pdf> Pg 15 refers to a newspaper report on gathering firewood. Please provide emails and correspondence between Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment and any ACT Government agency on illegal collection of firewood. How many instances of illegal collection of firewood have been prosecuted in the last 5 years? How many penalties have been issued in the same period? Pg 20 Fig 4 refers to Flow chart showing the steps that an EPA will take to determine if environmental harm is being caused by wood smoke. How many infringement notices have been issued in the last 5 years? In which geographic districts or suburbs in Canberra did infringement notices occur? How many instances of education and warnings occurred in the same period? In which geographic districts or suburbs in Canberra did instances of education and warnings notices occur? On Pg 21 there is reference to the EPA has emailing information to wood merchants operating in the ACT, informing them of the requirement to ensure that only well-seasoned wood be sold. Unseasoned wood is defined as containing more than 20 per cent moisture. In their compliance activities, how many instances has the EPA found where firewood was not well-seasoned? Pg 22 summarises the Air Environment Protection Policy was created to provide supplementary information and policies relating to the management of ambient air quality and pollutant emissions in the ACT. What evidence has been provided by relevant Policy owner to the Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment regarding the effectiveness of this policy? Pg 23 discusses the Burn Right Tonight program. Please provide emails and correspondence between Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment on the reach and effectiveness of the campaign and the program generally. Pg 28 Please provide the draft OCSE draft Investigation report 30/11/2022 and the EPSSD response to OCSE draft Investigation report 30/11/2022. Pg 30 I believe the proposed inclusion of the healthy environment right within the ACT's Human Rights Act has implications for the continued installation of and continued use of gas stoves and gas appliances, which are known to cause environmental harm. In view of the commentary offered by the Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment, does the Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment have information or evidence or advice that distinguishes wood heaters from gas stoves and gas appliances used within homes noting that these appliances impact Asthma in children and emit significant PM2.5 particles. Pg 32 sets out the recommendations Please provide emails and correspondence between Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment and: - Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate - Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate - ACT Health Directorate as they relate to the draft recommendations and final recommendations of the Wood Heater Report.

I do not want to access the following documents in relation to my request::

Thank you