



**ACT**  
Government

Environment, Planning and  
Sustainable Development

Phone: (02) 6207 1923  
Reference: 24/063455

By Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### **Decision on Freedom of Information Access Application 24/063455**

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 17 June 2024.

Specifically, you are seeking:

- *Studies into the supply and demand for industrial land in the ACT undertaken by private consultants or internally within the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate or the ACT Planning and Land Authority that would apply to the Eastern Broadacre Study area.*
- *Briefs and other documents to the Chief Planner, Director-General, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development and the Minister for Planning on the studies into the supply and demand for industrial land that would apply to the Eastern Broadacre Study area.*

In accordance with section 40 of the Act third party consultation was undertaken, a decision on your access application must be made on or by 19 August 2024.

I am an Information Officer appointed under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under part 5 and now write to provide notice of my decision in relation to your application.

### **Decision on access**

In response to your application, comprehensive searches were conducted and 6 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, 38, 50 and Schedule 2;
- the content of the documents that fall within the scope of your request;
- views of third parties consulted;
- the *Freedom of Information (Volume 4 – Considering the public interest) Guidelines 2023* (Notifiable Instrument [NI2023-751](#)) and;

I have decided to release in full all 6six documents in scope of your request.

The documents released to you by my decision are provided at **Attachment B** to this letter.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:EPSDFOI@act.gov.au) or call (02) 6207 1923 and ask for the Information Governance team.

Yours sincerely

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