
From: EPSDFOI
Sent: Wednesday, 5 April 2023 11:53 AM
To: CMTEDD FOI
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information request

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Good morning team

EPSDD accepts partial transfer of this application today.

Kind regards

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the ACT, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

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To: EPSDFOI <EPSDFOI@act.gov.au>
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Hi Team

As per my previous email, 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?

Thank you

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Please note, I work part-time hours (Available Monday – Wednesday)

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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:

First Name:

Last Name:

Business/Organisation:

Address:

Suburb:


Postcode:

State/Territory:

Phone/mobile:

Email address:

Request for information

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(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):

(1) Please provide the most up-to-date list of businesses which have undertaken to comply with the ACT Firewood Code of Practice, including the dates that each business was entered on the register. (2) Does the Government have statistics, or an estimate, of the total number of firewood merchants selling firewood to the ACT each year for the last 15 years (3) Each year for the last 15 years, what is the total amount in tonnes of firewood sold to the ACT and (a) what percentage of this is supplied by retailers compliant with the Firewood Code of Practice and (b) what is the percentage of this that is (i) hardwood, (ii) softwood, (iii) seasoned, (iv) unseasoned and (v) boxwood. (4) By the year, what are the geographic regions for the firewood and whether the source of the timber was plantation or non-plantation. (5) What auditing does the Government do of businesses that are registered as agreeing to the ACT Firewood Code of Practice, for example, to ensure they sell seasoned wood only and when were any audits last conducted. (6) Please provide data on the results of compliance checks carried out under the Code of Practice by year from 1999 to 2023. (7) What actions has the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate - Environment taken to avoid institutional failure where the processes and structures relating to the enforcement of laws and policies on wood heaters do not operate efficiently or effectively in other parts of the ACT Government? (8) What actions has the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment taken to avoid institutional failure where the processes and structures relating to the enforcement of laws and policies on wood heaters do not operate efficiently or effectively in other parts of the ACT Government? (9) Which ACT Government Agency and ACT Govt Minister is responsible for the enforcement and regulation of the Wood heater emissions and efficiency standards and

best practice management? (10) Over the last 5 years, what specific actions has the ACT Government taken to address the "Difficulty with enforcement of smoke standards" which Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment discusses in her Investigation. Specifically, interested in any information on the lack of resources or inadequate co-ordination of enforcement in a manner that best makes use of the available resources. (11) Air quality in the ACT is generally excellent compared with other Australian cities and is considered clean by world standards. Over the last 15 years, has the ACT Government agency responsible for the Burn Right Tonight ever advised a Minister that the "Burn Right Tonight" campaign is not effective in improving air quality to safe levels in winter? Has this advice been explained in the Annual Report for the Agency? (12) Has the ACT Government agency responsible for the Wood Heater Replacement Program ever advised the responsible Minister that the Wood Heater Replacement Program has not been effective? Has this advice been explained in the Annual Report for the Agency? In what year did ACTEW AGL stop funding rebates for residents who installed gas heaters? What year did the program stop funding gas heaters? Does an industry or the ACT Government fund the Wood Heater Replacement Program? (13) What costing have been developed that describe the estimated costs for all trades for property owners to remove of wood heaters (and remediate the damaged area) before a property in any ACT suburb (excluding rural areas) can be sold? What assumptions are built into the costings? (14) What is the estimated cost to establish and maintain each year a register of wood heaters in the ACT to determine the number and age of wood heaters. (15) What is the estimated cost to develop and apply empirical criteria for determining environmental harm or nuisance from wood heater smoke, such as assessment of smoke composition and air quality monitoring at the affected sites, as part of EPA investigations. (16) What is the estimated cost urgently undertake an assessment of air pollutant emissions from diffuse sources to update the National Pollutant Inventory data (1999). (17) When will the Regulatory Impact Statement for the proposed rules mandating removal of wooden heaters be available publicly? (18) Which policy options to reduce the impact on wooden heaters were eliminated as not feasible? (19) What is the estimated reduction in wood heater particulate emissions over the last 15 years in the ACT?

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

I already know that not all firewood sales occur at a fixed business location, nor do I need information on the health costs that relate to PM2.5.

Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator