



ACT
Government

Environment, Planning and
Sustainable Development

Phone: 6207 1923
Reference: 18/11243

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of information request: Commonwealth correspondence regarding census

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) on 26 April 2018, in which you sought access to:

“documents shared and correspondence between the ACT Government and the Commonwealth regarding population and other data projections provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics since the 2006 Census.”

The scope was revised to the following in an email dated 30 April 2018:

“Final Chief Ministerial/Ministerial correspondence (and any correspondence sent/received by staff of their Offices) with the Commonwealth Government relating to incorrect ABS data on population projections following the last three Australian population censuses, as raised by a government official at a Gungahlin Community Council meeting; this includes any representations to the Commonwealth on behalf of the Minister/Chief Minister.”

I am an Information Officer appointed under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

The due date for this request was extended to 25 July 2018 and confirmed in an email dated 9 July 2018.

Decision on access

A search of EPSDD records has failed to identify any documentation in relation to your request. The search was conducted using the information you provided.

I am satisfied that appropriate searches were completed and that no documents relevant to your request are held by EPSDD.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, EPSDD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents released to you in response to your access application will be published in the disclosure log from three days after the date of my decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

You may view the disclosure log at:

<http://www.environment.act.gov.au/about/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:

http://www.ombudsman.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0026/79190/40A-Reviews-Factsheet-and-Application-Form-final-A1569634.pdf

If you wish to request a review of my decision 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:

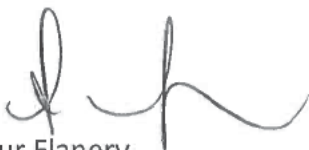
ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore St
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601

Telephone: (02) 6207 1740

<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

If you have any queries concerning the Directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact EPSDD Customer Service on 62071923 and ask for the FOI team, or email to EPSDFOI@act.gov.au

Yours sincerely



Fleur Flanery
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Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

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