



**ACT**  
Government

Environment, Planning and  
Sustainable Development

Phone: 6207 1923  
Reference: 18/11245

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of information request: 18/11245 - Modelling Gungahlin population growth**

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 relating to Modelling Gungahlin population growth.

Specifically, you are seeking:

*“Significant/key documents such as final reports and final briefs since 2001 regarding the modelling and planning for the population growth of the Gungahlin region.”*

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

The decision date for this request is 25 July 2018 following your agreement to extensions to provide for further processing time required due to high work load of the Information Management Team.

**Material considered**

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- the FOI Act, particularly sections 17, 43 and 45 and Schedule 1 and 2;
- the content of the documents that fall within the scope of your request; and
- information available online.

**Decision on access**

Searches were completed for relevant documents and 21 documents were identified that fall within the scope of your request.

I have included as **Attachment A** to this decision the schedule of relevant documents. This provides a description of each document that falls within the scope of your request and the access decision for each of those documents.

I have decided to grant access in full to 13 documents relevant to your request. I have decided to refuse access to eight documents as they are available online.

My access decisions are detailed further in the following statement of reasons and the documents released to you are provided as **Attachment B** to this letter.

My reasons for deciding not to grant access to the identified documents and components of these documents are as follows:

Section 43 (1) (d) of the Act allows provision of government information to be refused wholly or in part if the government information is already available to the applicant. The documents not for release are available to you as detailed in the document schedule.

#### **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 EPSDD disclosure log no sooner than three days after the date of decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

You may view the EPSDD's disclosure log at

<https://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](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](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:

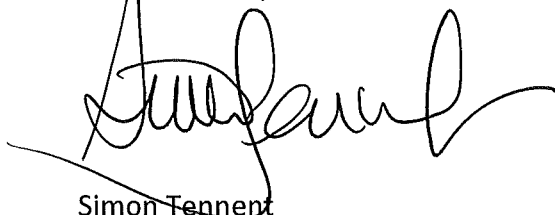
ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal  
Level 4, 1 Moore St  
GPO Box 370  
Canberra City ACT 2601

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](mailto:EPSDFOI@act.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Tennent', written in a cursive style.

Simon Tennent

Information Officer  
Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

24 July 2018

