

Our reference: FOI20-24



DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act), received by ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) on **Wednesday 10 June 2020**.

This application requested access to:

'Following Major Projects Canberra taking responsibility for the SPIRE projects on 1 July 2019, it has undertaken a number of consultations and meetings with the Garran Primary School (26 August 2019 and 6 November 2019), the Garran community (26 September 2019) and the Garran Residents' Association (30 October 2019) to inform these groups of the SPIRE planning, preliminary sketch design and procurement. The ACT Government has also established a Local Community Reference Group to provide a formal mechanism for the community to provide comments and feedback in the planning and development of the project.

During these consultations and meetings the community has conveyed a number of concerns to Major Projects Canberra, the ACT Government and the ACT Health Directorate. It is in the public interest for the community to know how their concerns have, or have not, resulted in any changes to the planning and design works undertaken to date. I would like a copy of all documents and instructions between Major Projects Canberra, the ACT Government and the ACT Health Directorate, and Silver Thomas Hanley since 1 July 2019 concerning the matters brought to the attention at these consultation meetings.'

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) under section 18 of the FOI Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act. ACTHD was required to provide a decision on your access application by **Wednesday 8 July 2020**.

Decisions

I have decided that Major Projects Canberra (MPC) Directorate is the appropriate agency to respond to your access application for the following reasons: it is the Directorate that holds the requested information; MPC is also the Directorate responsible for Chairing and organising the Local Community Reference Group of which the ACTHD is not a member; and for the period of your application, the SPIRE Project has been managed by MPC. As it is my understanding you have submitted the same access application to MPC, a transfer is not required in this instance.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable to this request.

Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, ACTHD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. The scope of your access application and my decision will be published in the disclosure log not less than three days but not more than 10 days after the date of this decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/freedom-information/disclosure-log.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI 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 ACT Health's disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

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: <u>ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au</u> Website: <u>ombudsman.ac</u>t.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/

Further assistance

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Coordinator on (02) 5124 9829 or email healthFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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