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1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice	Published
3. Documents and schedule	Published
4. Additional information identified	No
5. Fees	N/A
6. Processing time (in working days)	22
7. Decision made by Ombudsman	N/A
8. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	N/A
9. Decision made by ACAT	N/A
10. Additional information identified by ACAT	N/A

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMTEDD FOI](#)
Subject: Re: Walter Sofronoff
Date: Monday, 28 August 2023 7:51:49 AM

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On Thu, 24 Aug 2023 at 2:41 pm, [REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon,

I am seeking access to any correspondence Walter Sofronoff KC conducted with the media and journalists via any official BOI emails.

That is, what material did he send or receive to media outlets between February 2023 and August 2023

Thank you

On Thu, 24 Aug 2023 at 14:38, [REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon,

I am seeking access to a letter that Walter Sofronoff sent to the ACT Government in late July/early August outlining his decision to leak his own report to the media.

I understand you have a large number of FoI lodged re this previously and I am seeking your agreement in providing the document to me at the same time it is provided to other applicants.

Background here:

<https://www.news.com.au/national/courts-law/walter-sofronoff-kc-reveals-why-he-provided-own-report-to-journalists/news-story/5016aac72083cc970c411662631001dd>





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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 24 August 2023. Specifically, you requested information relating to:

"I am seeking access to any correspondence Walter Sofronoff KC conducted with the media and journalists via any official BOI emails.

That is, what material did he send or receive to media outlets between February 2023 and August 2023."

Authority

As an appointed Information Officer under section 18 of the Act, I am authorised to make a decision on access or amendment to government information in the possession or control of CMTEDD.

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD was required to provide a decision on your access application by 6 October 2023.

Decision on access

A thorough search of CMTEDD 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 CMTEDD.

Charges

Pursuant to *Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2017 (No 2)* processing charges are not applicable for this request as no documents are being released to you.

Online publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the Act, CMTEDD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application and my decision will be published on the CMTEDD disclosure log. Your personal contact details will not be published. You may view CMTEDD disclosure log at

<https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/functions/foi/disclosure-log-2023>

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 CMTEDD disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

We recommend using this form [Applying for an Ombudsman Review](#) to ensure you provide all of the required information. Alternatively, 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
15 Constitution Ave
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Should you have any queries in relation to your request please contact me by telephone on 6207 7754 or email CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Emma Hotham
Information Officer
Information Access Team
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

25 September 2023