



ACT
Government

Territory and Municipal Services

Freedom of information request

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the FOI Act) received on 25 October 2012, in which you requested the following documents:

1. The results of kangaroo population surveys from A.C.T nature parks and Defence base sites from 2008 to present; and
2. Authority to kill/harm protected wildlife permits issued by the A.C.T government for A.C.T nature parks and defence sites from 2008 to present.

Decision

I am an officer authorised under section 22 of the Act to make a decision in relation to an FOI request.

The attached schedule identifies all cull licences issued for ACT nature parks and defence sites from 2008 to 2012, and the results of kangaroo population surveys for the same period. Our records do not show any cull licences issued for ACT nature parks in 2008, which is why none are listed on the schedule.

I have decided to release the results of kangaroo population surveys in full.

I am partially releasing all of the cull licences in the attached schedule. Personal information has been removed from these licences. Under section 41 of the FOI Act, personal information is exempt from disclosure if its release would be unreasonable. I have decided that releasing personal information in connection with kangaroo cull licences would be unreasonable under the circumstances.

Fees and charges

Freedom of information requests normally attract fees and charges for time spent searching and retrieving documents, decision-making time and photocopying. In

relation to your request, no fee is payable as the time spent on processing your request, and the number of documents released were within the fee-free threshold.

Right of review

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you have the right to seek an internal review.

If you wish to seek an internal review you should write to:

The Director-General
Territory and Municipal Services Directorate
C/- Freedom of Information Coordinator
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You have 28 days from the date of the decision letter to seek a review of the outcome or such other period as the Director-General permits.

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal

If you are still dissatisfied after the directorate has conducted an internal review, you can seek an independent review of the decision by the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal. You have 28 days from the date of the internal review decision to seek a review from the Tribunal.

The Tribunal is an independent body. It can agree with, change or reject the original decision, substitute its own decision or send the matter back to the decision maker for reconsideration in accordance with Tribunal recommendations.

To apply to the Tribunal for a review you can obtain an application form from the Tribunal (www.acat.act.gov.au). The postal address of the Tribunal is:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Ombudsman

You also have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about the processing of your request. If you wish to lodge a complaint you should write to:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Further information

If you have any questions in relation to your request please contact the Directorate's FOI Coordinator on 6205 5408 or tamsfoi@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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

Fay Steward
Executive Director
Parks and City Services Division

22 November 2012