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1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice	Published
3. Documents and schedule	Published
4. Additional information identified	Yes
5. Fees	N/A
6. Processing time (in working days)	20
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

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To: [CMTEDD FOI](#)
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Please find online enquiry details below. Please ensure this enquiry is responded to within fourteen working days.

Your details

All fields are optional, however an email address OR full postal address must be provided for us to process your request. An email address and telephone contact number will assist us to contact you quickly if we need to discuss your request.

Title: [REDACTED]
First Name: [REDACTED]
Last Name: [REDACTED]
Business/Organisation: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Suburb: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
State/Territory: [REDACTED]
Phone/mobile: [REDACTED]
Email address: [REDACTED]

Request for information

(Please provide as much detail as possible, for example subject matter and relevant dates, and also provide details of documents that you are not interested in.)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 I want to access the following document/s (*required field):

Documents relating to the business case for the Athllon Drive duplication project, including but not limited to; any official Cost-Benefit Analysis conducted in line with the Infrastructure Australia's recommendations, any other Cost-Benefit Analysis conducted, the final costings of the project or estimates, the projected benefits, policy information provided to brief the relevant Minister on the project, budget submissions related to the project, analysis identifying the need to upgrade Athllon Drive and any other documents relevant to the Athllon Drive duplication project.

I do not want to access the following documents in relation to my request::

Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator



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Chief Minister, Treasury and
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Our ref: CMTEDDFOI2022-313



via email: [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

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 10 October 2022 in which you sought:

- *Documents relating to the business case for the Athlon Drive duplication project, including but not limited to; any official Cost-Benefit Analysis conducted in line with the Infrastructure Australia's recommendations, any other Cost-Benefit Analysis conducted, the final costings of the project or estimates, the projected benefits, policy information provided to brief the relevant Minister on the project, budget submissions related to the project, analysis identifying the need to upgrade Athlon Drive and any other documents relevant to the Athlon Drive duplication project.*

I note your request was partially transferred to Major Projects Canberra (MPC) and to Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) as they also hold documents related to this request. MPC and TCCS will respond separately.

Authority

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

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD is required to provide a decision on your access application by 07 November 2022.

Decision

Searches were completed for relevant documents. The documents identified as being held by CMTEDD are entirely Cabinet documents and are exempt from release under the Act.

Reasons for decision

Information identified is contrary to the public interest information under schedule 1 of the Act - Cabinet Information

The Cabinet documents that have been identified as being within the scope of your request are entirely composed of information that is contrary to the public interest information under section 1.6 of Schedule 1 of the Act as it is Cabinet information.

In reviewing the document, I note the requirements of schedule 1 section 1.6(2) of the Act which states that the exemption for Cabinet Information does not apply to 'purely factual information' unless the disclosure of the information would involve the disclosure of a deliberation or decision of Cabinet and the fact of the deliberation or decision has not been officially published. In the case of *Parnell & Dreyfus and Attorney-General's Department* [2014] AICmr 71, the Australian Information Commissioner stated that the term 'purely factual material' does not extend to factual material that is an integral part of the deliberative content and purpose of a document or is embedded in or intertwined with the deliberative content in such a manner that it is impractical to separate it from the other content.

Having reviewed the documents, I consider that the purely factual information within the documents identified are an integral part of the deliberative content and as stated by the Commissioner, the analysis and views in the documents would be robbed of their essential meaning without incorporation of this material. I am satisfied that disclosure of this purely factual information would involve the disclosure of a deliberation or decision of Cabinet.

Charges

Pursuant to *Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2018* processing charges are not applicable for this request because no information is 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 in response to your access application will be published in the CMTEDD disclosure log 3 days after the date of my decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

You may view CMTEDD disclosure log at <https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/functions/foi>.

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
Level 4, 1 Moore St
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 by email at CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'EH' with a horizontal line through them.

Emma Hotham
Information Officer
Information Access Team
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
7 November 2022