



ACT
Government

Chief Minister, Treasury and
Economic Development

Our ref: CMTEDD2017/4783



Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your access request under section 14 of the ACT *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act), received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 30 October 2017.

In your request you sought:

"... a copy of documents, papers, minutes of meetings and supporting materials, relating to interactions between Mr Michael Young (Workplace Safety and Industrial Relations Division, CMTEDD) and the Master Builders Association officers and/or employees for the period 1 July 2016 to the present day.

The documents, papers, minutes and notes of meetings, and supporting materials should include the following:

- *the minutes and notes for all meetings held between officers or employees of the Master Builders Association and Mr Michael Young;*
- *all briefing documents to or by Mr Michael Young in relation to any meeting, event or activity with the Master Builders Association;*

The documents sought could include draft answers to questions, and emails, and other documents."

Decision Maker

I am authorised under section 22 of the Act and have been approved to make decisions on access to documents and liability for charges.

Charges

I have decided, under section 29 of the Act, not to impose processing charges for this request.

Identification of documents and decision on access

Documents identified as relevant to your request are listed on the attached schedule and included in the attached document package.

I note that I have not included any documents associated with Work Safety Council meetings. These meetings are attended by ACT Government, MBA and UnionsACT representatives and I do not consider them relevant to the scope of your request.

I have decided to release the majority of documents to you in full, with redactions applied to personal information contained in some documents. My decision to exempt this information from release is detailed further below and redactions are identified in the attached schedule.

Exemptions claimed

Documents affecting personal privacy

Section 41 of the Act provides:

- (1) *A document is an exempt document if its disclosure under this Act would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information about any person (including a deceased person).*

I have decided to exempt from release, under section 41(1) of the Act, the names, email addresses and direct phone numbers of MBA members. I consider that release of identifying information about these third parties would be an unreasonable disclosure of personal information. I also consider that the names of the specific MBA members who attended meetings are not relevant to the scope of your request and their removal does not affect understanding of the remaining content.

Your right of review

Internal Review

Under section 59(1) of the Act, you may request a review of my decision. You have 28 days after receiving notice of my decision to ask for a review, or a further period as allowed by the Director-General.

Your request should be addressed to:

Director-General
c/o Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Via email: CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au

Complaints to the Ombudsman

Under section 54 of the Act, you may complain to the Ombudsman about administrative matters relating to the processing of your Freedom of Information (FOI) request. There is no fee for making a complaint. The Ombudsman will conduct an independent investigation into your complaint.

You can contact the Ombudsman either by telephone on 1300 362 072 or in writing to:

The Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Online FOI Policy

I have assessed your request for information under the ACT Government's Online FOI Publication Policy and have determined that my decision on your request will be published online. Personal information or business information will not be made available under this policy. A copy of the policy, with details about what information may be published on the Internet, is available online at:

http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/250333/FOI_Web_Release_Policy_-_Final.pdf

If you would like to discuss this matter further please contact me on (02) 6207 1168.

Yours sincerely



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