



**ACT**  
Government

Chief Minister, Treasury and  
Economic Development

## Freedom of Information Disclosure Log Publication Coversheet

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| Information Requested (summary)                | Documents relating to the ACT Government's knowledge etc.regarding the future of the Big Splash water park prior to and immediately following public statements made by Yvette Berry on 19 February 2026 at the "Save Big Splash Community Meeting" at the Labor Club, Belconnen. Date range: 1 January 2026 to the date of this application. |
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| Decision made by ACAT                          | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Additional information identified by ACAT      | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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**Attachments:** [C6DKQWPN.pdf](#)

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## Freedom of Information (FOI) request

### Form data summary

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| <b>Applicant name</b>          |                                                               |
| <b>Responsible directorate</b> | Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate |
| <b>Reference code</b>          | C6DKQWPN                                                      |

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# Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Submission confirmation

Your submission has been successful. Please keep a copy of this receipt for your records.

Date and time

21 May 2026 10:17:27 AM

Reference code

C6DKQWPN

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD)

GPO Box 158  
Canberra City, ACT 2601

Phone: 6207 7754  
CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au

## Applicant information

☐ I want to submit this request anonymously

## Assistance

Do you need assistance with preparing your request?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Do you need an interpreter?

☐ Yes

☒ No

## Applicant details

Title

First name\*

Last name

Pronouns

Chosen name

Business/Organisation

Contact details

Please provide at least one method of contact. We use this information to confirm details of the request and deliver information to you once your request is completed.

Phone number

Email address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Suburb

CITY

State

ACT

Postcode

2601

Help us direct your request

The following information helps us send your request to the most appropriate team who will coordinate and respond to your request.

What type of information are you requesting? \*

There are two types of information commonly asked for: personal information and non-personal or general information.

- Personal information refers to your own or another’s personal affairs. If you wish to access personal information, you will need to provide proof of identity.

- Non-personal or general information is all the information held by government about how the government undertakes its functions and roles.

- ☐ Personal information
- ☒ Non-personal (General) information

What do you know about the information you are requesting?\*

- ☒ I know the Directorate or agency
- ☐ I know the topic
- ☐ I am not sure

Directorate or agency\*

- ☐ Canberra Health Services
- ☐ Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
- ☐ City and Environment Directorate
- ☐ Digital Canberra
- ☐ Education Directorate
- ☐ Health and Community Services Directorate
- ☐ Infrastructure Canberra
- ☐ Justice and Community Safety Directorate
- ☒ Multiple Directorate request

## Request for

To help us process your request:

- Include enough detail in your application so we can identify what government information you want.
- As an alternative to using fields within the form, you may choose to attach documents or audio recordings.
- You may wish to include a statement on how the release of this information is in the public interest.

Scope of your request

What information are you requesting access to?\*

Freedom of Information Request  
Freedom of Information Act 2016 (ACT)  
To: FOI Officer  
Applicant: [REDACTED]  
Date: 21st of May 2026

### Scope of Request

This application is being made pursuant to section 30 of the FOI Act.

I seek access to documents relating to the ACT Government's knowledge, advice, and internal position regarding the future of the Big Splash water park prior to and immediately following public statements made by Yvette Berry on 19 February 2026 at the "Save Big Splash Community Meeting" at the Labor Club, Belconnen.

This request specifically targets documents that informed, contradicted, or contextualised those public statements.

Date range: 1 January 2026 to the date of this application

### Documents Requested

Please provide all documents (including drafts and attachments) held by Minister Berry, her office, or relevant directorates, including but not limited to:

#### 1. Ministerial Briefings and Advice

All briefs, emails, reports, file notes, and advice provided to the Minister concerning:

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- Attachments and embedded documents

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All drafts and final versions of:

- Talking points
- Speech notes
- Q&A briefs
- Media lines

Prepared for or used by Minister Berry in relation to:

- The 19 February 2026 community meeting
- Public commentary on the future of Big Splash

#### 5. External and Inter-Agency Communications

All correspondence between the Minister or her office and:

- Access Canberra
- The Territory Planning Authority
- The leaseholder or their representatives
- Other Ministers or their offices

Relating to:

- Lease enforcement or non-compliance
- Regulatory decisions
- Demolition or redevelopment pathways

#### Search Requirements

To ensure completeness, please confirm in writing:

- The systems searched (including email servers, document management systems, and messaging platforms)
- The search terms used
- The date ranges applied
- Any repositories or accounts excluded, and the reasons

#### Form of Access

Documents are to be provided in full, unredacted form where possible. If any material is withheld or redacted, please:

- Specify the exact exemption relied upon under the Act
- Provide a detailed schedule describing each document, its date, author, and subject matter
- Release all reasonably separable material as required under the Act

#### Public Interest

This request is made to assess whether public statements made to the Canberra community were consistent with the information and advice available to Government at the time.

**Attach additional documents to support your application**

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# Submit application

## Timeframes

The Directorate responsible for your application must:

- inform you in writing within 10 working days that it has received your application
- communicate to you about any difficulties/ delays in processing your request
- provide you with a decision on access to the information within 30 working days or less

Requests may take longer than 30 days in situations where an extension has been granted.

If the Directorate must consult a third party, the deadline for providing a decision is extended by 15 working days. The Directorate will notify you if consultation is required.

After you submit your request, the information you supply will be provided to:

- **Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate**
- **cmteddFOI@act.gov.au**



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – NOTICE OF DECISION

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 21 May 2026.

Specifically, you have sought information concerning *ACT Government's knowledge, advice, and internal position regarding the future of the Big Splash water park prior to and immediately following public statements made by Yvette Berry on 19 February 2026 at the "Save Big Splash Community Meeting" at the Labor Club.*

Please refer to **Attachment A** for full text of your scope.

Your access application was received as a multi-directorate application and was also directed to City and Environment Directorate (CED) to process.

### Authority

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

CED will decide on the release of information, where information is held by both directorates, in accordance with section 58(2)(c)(ii) of the Act.

### Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD is required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 days.

As this matter required third party consultation, the decision due date was extended by 15 working days, in accordance with section 40(2) of the Act.

Therefore, a decision is due by **27 July 2026**.

### Decision on access

I am satisfied that adequate searches for information have occurred under section 34 of the Act.

Your application was part of a multi-directorate application. CED will search and provide a separate decision on information held by them.

Searches of CMTEDD records have identified 22 documents within the scope of your request.

I have decided to grant **full access** to five documents.

I have decided to grant **partial access** to 11 documents.

I have decided to grant **no access (nondisclosure)** to six documents.

The records identified as relevant to your application are listed in the schedule enclosed at **Attachment A**. This provides a description of each document that falls within the scope of your request and the access decision for each of those documents.

Where information is held by both CMTEDD and CED, this has been marked on the schedule as 'refused' under section 58 of the Act as CED will be the decision maker.

## **Release of documents**

The information being released to you is provided at **Attachment B**.

Copies of documents are redacted under 'copy' in accordance with ACT Ombudsman Freedom of Information Guidelines.

## **Statement of Reasons**

In accordance with section 54(2) of the Act a statement of reasons outlining my decisions is below. In reaching my access decisions, I have taken the following into account:

- the Act
- the information that falls within the scope of your request
- third party consultation
- ACT Ombudsman Freedom of Information Guidelines
- publicly available information
- *Human Rights Act 2004*

As a decision maker, I am required to determine whether the information within scope is in the public interest to release. To make this decision, I am required to:

- assess whether the information would be contrary to public interest to disclose as per **Schedule 1** of the Act.
- perform the public interest test as set out in section 17 of the Act by balancing the factors favouring disclosure and factors favouring nondisclosure in **Schedule 2** of the Act.

## **Date range**

As per your requested scope, '*Date range: 1 January 2026 to the date of this application,*' the date range for your requested scope includes information between 1 January 2026 to 21 May 2026 inclusive, being the date CMTEDD received your freedom of information request.

## **Exemptions claimed**

### **Schedule 1: Information taken to be contrary to the public interest**

I have determined that some the documents within the scope of your request contain information that is taken to be contrary to the public interest to disclose under Schedule 1 of the Act. My reasons for deciding not to grant access to the information or components of information found within documents are as follows:

- *Section 1.6 - Cabinet Information.*

Documents 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, identified as being within the scope of your request, are entirely composed of information that is considered to be contrary to the public interest under Schedule 1, section 1.6 of the Act as it is Cabinet information. These documents fall within sch 1, section 1.6 of the Act as it is information which has been commissioned by the Cabinet to guide it in its decision making and to assist it in its deliberations. It is therefore exempt from release under the Act.

Under section 1.6 of Schedule 1 of the Act, Cabinet information is exempt from release. The purpose of this exemption is to maintain the confidentiality of the cabinet process and to uphold the principle of collective ministerial responsibility. This exemption was discussed in *The Commonwealth v Northern Land Council* [1993] HCA 24; (1993) 176 CLR 604 (21 April 1993). Paragraph 6 of the decision states that:

*... it has never been doubted that it is in the public interest that the deliberations of Cabinet should remain confidential in order that the members of Cabinet may exchange differing views and at the same time maintain the principle of collective responsibility for any decision which may be made.*

The cabinet-in-confidence documents concern ePetitions (**E-PET-004-26 and PET-020-26**). Information on obtaining publicly available information on petitions and e-petitions about Big Splash are contained at the end of this decision letter.

#### *Other schedule 1 considerations*

Document 2, being an email chain, includes information that is labelled as 'legal privilege.' I have decided to not redact this information under schedule 1, section 1.2 of the Act: *Section 1.2 - Information subject to legal professional privilege.*

Information is contrary to the public interest to release where that information would be privileged from production or admission into evidence in a legal proceeding on the ground of legal professional privilege. However, CMTEDD consulted on this document and Justice and Corrective Services Directorate does not object to this information being released. Accordingly, I have decided to release the document in full.

#### **Public Interest Test**

The Act has a presumption in favour of disclosure. As a decision maker I am required to decide where, on balance, public interest lies. As part of this process, I must consider factors favouring disclosure and nondisclosure.

In *Hogan v Hinch* (2011) 243 CLR 506, [31] French CJ stated that when 'used in a statute, the term [public interest] derives its content from "the subject matter and the scope and purpose" of the enactment in which it appears'. Section 17(1) of the Act sets out the test, to be applied to determine whether disclosure of information would be contrary to the public interest. These factors are found in subsection 17(2) and Schedule 2 of the Act.

#### **Schedule 2: Factors to be considered when deciding the public interest**

Taking into consideration the information within scope of your request, I have identified that the following public interest factors are relevant to determine if release of the information contained within these documents is within the 'public interest'.

**Factors favouring disclosure (Section 2.1)**

- *Section 2.1(a)(i) - promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability.*
- *Section 2.1(a)(ii) - contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest.*
- *Section 2.1(a)(iii) - inform the community of the government's operations, including policies, guidelines and codes of conduct followed by the government in its dealings with members of the community.*
- *Section 2.1(a)(viii) - reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision.*

You have requested government information concerning "Big Splash Water Park". There has been much media and public attention on the future of Big Splash, and I consider that release of government information concerning the water park and its future would promote open discussion and enhance government's accountability. The release of this information would also assist in informing debate on the matter, such as has been seen in the media and the Assembly. I apply significant weight to these factors for disclosure.

Upon examination of the material, it has been found that release would also inform the community about how government operates in response to questions on notice. Release of this information demonstrates how the government presents information. Accordingly, I apply significant weight to this factor.

Finally, release of this information may provide background or contextual information on the subject as well as reveal the reason for a government decision. I apply significant weight to this factor.

I have considered your statement relating to the public interest of your request, and believe the above factors mirror your intent.

Some of the documents you have requested included documents where the final document is now published (and therefore publicly available), however for completeness I have decided to include those documents in full. An example includes document 1, where the final version is published here:

[Assembly QON 1115 ANSWER - Clay to Berry - Big Splash waterpark.PDF](#)

I am satisfied that these factors favouring disclosure carry some weight. However, these factors are to be balanced against the factors favouring nondisclosure.

**Factors favouring nondisclosure (Section 2.2)**

- *Section 2.2(a)(ii) - prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the Human Rights Act 2004.*

Having reviewed the information, I consider that the protection of an individual's right to privacy, is a significant factor. Release of information concerning individuals working within the ACT Public Service is generally not considered to prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy. However, where mobile phone numbers may be used for home and work purposes, this information is redacted, as it could or would reasonably be expected to prejudice an individual's right to privacy under the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

I have taken into consideration third party consultation and have taken into consideration responses received not objecting to the release of material.

Having applied the test outlined in section 17 of the Act and deciding that release of some information contained in the documents is not in the public interest to release, I have chosen to redact this specific information in accordance with section 50(2). Noting the pro-disclosure intent of the Act, I am satisfied that redacting only the information that I believe is not in the public interest to release will ensure that the intent of the Act is met and will provide you with access to the majority of the information held by CMTEDD within the scope of your request.

### **Additional information**

Petitions, and the Government responses, concerning Big Splash are published on the ACT Legislative Assembly's website here:

<https://epetitions.parliament.act.gov.au/details/pet-020-26/>

<https://epetitions.parliament.act.gov.au/details/pet-010-25>

<https://epetitions.parliament.act.gov.au/details/e-pet-004-26>

<https://epetitions.parliament.act.gov.au/details/e-pet-049-24>

### **Charges**

Under section 107(2)(e) of the Act, a fee must be waived if the applicant is a member of the Legislative Assembly.

### **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.

### **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 provided to you, 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](mailto: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  
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 the CMTEDD FOI Team by telephone on 6207 7754 or email [CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Stuart'.

Katharine Stuart  
Information Officer  
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

23 July 2026



**ACT**  
Government

Chief Minister, Treasury and  
Economic Development

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST SCHEDULE

### WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE REQUEST

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| Binder 1 |             |                                                                                                 |                       |                |                      |                       |
| 1        | 1-2         | Response to question on Notice – Paper No 19-8 May 2026 – Question 1115 – 8 May 2026 - unsigned | undated               | Full           |                      | Yes                   |
| 2        | 3-5         | Email chain                                                                                     | 20/02/2026-26/02/2026 | Full           |                      | Yes                   |
| 3        | 6           | Email – Circulation of cabinet submission                                                       | 15/05/2026            | Refused/Exempt | Sch 1, s 1.6         | No                    |

|                      |       |                                                                                                                                                             |                            |         |                             |     |
|----------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----|
| 4                    | 7     | Email - HPRM Notification -Action Reassigned. Clearance through Director - CMTEDD2026/1780 - Assembly QON 1115 Clay to Berry- Big Splash waterpark - ECODEV | 13/05/2026                 | Full    |                             | Yes |
| 5                    | 8-9   | Email chain, subject: FW: ACCESS CANBERRA MEDIA RELEASE: Decision relating to potential enforcement - Big Splash                                            | 24/04/2026                 | Refused | S 58(2)(c)(ii)              | No  |
| 6                    | 10-11 | Email chain, subject: FW: Big Splash - Min Steel Info Brief - Territory Plan Amendment Options                                                              | 20/02/2026<br>12/03/2026   | Partial | Sch 2, s 2.2(a)(ii)         | Yes |
| 7                    | 12    | Email, subject: FW: Big Splash - Min Steel Info Brief - Territory Plan Amendment Options                                                                    | 20/02/2026                 | Full    | copy                        | Yes |
| 8                    | 13-14 | Email chain, Re: Save Big Splash Campaign                                                                                                                   | 08/02/2026                 | Full    |                             | Yes |
| 9                    | 15    | Email, subject: Big Splash                                                                                                                                  | 03/02/2026                 | Partial | Sch 2, s 2.2(a)(ii)         | Yes |
| 10                   | 16-18 | Email chain, subject: RE: FOR ADVICE: Big Splash TPs                                                                                                        | 22/01/2026                 | Partial | Sch 2, s 2.2(a)(ii)         | Yes |
| 11                   | 19-23 | Email chain, subject: FW: Big Splash                                                                                                                        | 19/01/2026                 | Refused | S 58(2)(c)(ii)              | No  |
| 12                   | 24-27 | Email chain, subject: FW: Big Splash                                                                                                                        | 19/01/2026                 | Partial | copy<br>Sch 2, s 2.2(a)(ii) | Yes |
| 13                   | 28-29 | Email chain, subject: FW: DLO Request - Input for ED - QON 777 - Big Splash redevelopment                                                                   | 12/01/2026                 | Partial | Sch 2, s 2.2(a)(ii)         | Yes |
| 14                   | 30-31 | Unsigned response to a question on notice                                                                                                                   | undated                    | Refused | S 58(2)(c)(ii)              | No  |
| 15                   | 32-35 | Email chain, subject: FW: Urgent dot point request                                                                                                          | 12/01/2026-<br>13/01/2026- | Partial | Sch 2, s 2.2(a)(ii)         | Yes |
| 16                   | 36-39 | Talking points                                                                                                                                              | undated                    | Refused | S 58(2)(c)(ii)              | No  |
| 17                   | 40-41 | CMTEDD2026/361 – Response to DLO Request - Subject: Talking point for attendance at Save Big Splash Community Meeting                                       | undated                    | Refused | S 58(2)(c)(ii)              | No  |
| Additional Documents |       |                                                                                                                                                             |                            |         |                             |     |
| 18                   | -     | CAB2026/270 - Cabinet File - Restricted - COMEBACK - Update on Big Splash site in Belconnen                                                                 | -                          | Refused | Sch 1, s 1.6                | No  |
| 19                   | -     | CAB2026/270-3 - Final Lodgement - 23 April 2026                                                                                                             | -                          | Refused | Sch 1, s 1.6                | No  |
| 20                   | -     | CAB2026/270-4 - Supplementary Paper - 20 May 2026                                                                                                           | -                          | Refused | Sch 1, s 1.6                | No  |
| 21                   | -     | CAB2026/176 - Government Response to E-PET-004-26 and PET-020-26 - Save Big Splash                                                                          | -                          | Refused | Sch 1, s 1.6                | No  |

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## Response to question on notice

### Questions on Notice Paper No 19

8 May 2026

### Question No. 1115

**Ms Jo Clay MLA:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation

1. Will the Government commit to ensuring that no material or irreversible changes occur at Big Splash Waterpark, including demolition of the waterslides, until the ACT Aquatic Strategy is completed and publicly released; if not, how can the Government justify allowing irreversible changes to a key aquatic facility before its own strategy is finalised.
2. Has the Government seen engineering reports about the state of the waterslides; if so, what do they say; if not, will the Government require engineering reports about the state of the slides as part of any Development Application for demolition and will the Government publicly share the contents of those engineering reports.

**YVETTE BERRY MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The Big Splash site is privately leased. The private lessee is able to use the site in accordance with their current Crown lease, subject to compliance with the *Planning Act 2023* and other legislation.

'Material or irreversible changes' may include development proposals. The private lessee is able to progress development proposals, including by submitting a development application for consideration by the independent Territory Planning Authority in accordance with planning requirements, should they choose to.

The ACT Government is not able to stop or intervene with the submission of development proposals by the private sector to the independent planning authority. Such an intervention is not legally possible under the *Planning Act 2023*. In addition, an intervention would undermine investment opportunities by the private sector and the independence of the ACT's planning system.

The forthcoming ACT Aquatic Strategy will guide future planning and investment in ACT Government-owned aquatic infrastructure across the Territory. It will review existing provision and respond to changes in facilities to help ensure Canberrans continue to have access to high-quality aquatic facilities over the longer term.

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2. The Government has not received any engineering reports on the condition of the waterslides. Any such reports would be a matter for the private lessee.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**

**Yvette Berry MLA**  
**Minister for Sport and Recreation**

**Date:**

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**Subject:** FW: Big Splash - Min Steel Info Brief - Territory Plan Amendment Options

Hi Brad,

Please see suggested feedback below, which has been cleared by Daniel Bailey, Executive Group Manager, Economic Development, CMTEDD.

Given the ACT Government has recently announced it will soon engage a consultant to prepare a new ACT Aquatic Strategy, the view of CMTEDD – Sport and Recreation is it would be premature to provide any specific advice in regard to what aquatic facility requirements could possibly be incorporated in the Territory Plan for the existing Big Splash site. Furthermore, the provision of any detailed advice would ideally be provided once there is a decision in relation to the matters being considered by Access Canberra in respect of the current Crown Lease – this way any such advice would be able to appropriately consider what the ownership and operating model will be for the facility.

Notwithstanding the above advice, one possible consideration CED may wish to consider (if it hasn't already) is further limiting the potential permissible uses that could be incorporated on the site as part of the PRZ2 (Restricted Access Recreation) zoning. For example, consideration could be given to restricting the use of land to only allow an "indoor recreation facility", "outdoor recreation facility" and any other appropriate uses (i.e. ancillary use). Removing some of the PRZ2 permitted uses (i.e. hotel, motel) may reinforce the intended future use of the land.

In relation to advice on CISAC, I am advised the A/g Deputy Chief Solicitor (ACT Government Solicitor) will be sharing some advice with you directly today (or possibly yesterday).

Happy to discuss.

Kind regards,

David Jeffrey  
 Senior Director  
 Sport and Recreation  
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**Subject:** RE: Big Splash - Min Steel Info Brief - Territory Plan Amendment Options

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Hi David

Thanks for the discussion yesterday on this one. As mentioned, we're happy to extend the period for you to provide comments to Wednesday 11 March.

FYI – I'll be away on parental leave in the next week or so – if you had any questions on this one during this period Panama (cc'd) will be able to assist.

Thanks  
Brad

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**Subject:** Big Splash - Min Steel Info Brief - Territory Plan Amendment Options

Hi David

We've been asked to explore potential amendment options through the Territory Plan that may require the retention of an aquatic facility at Big Splash (this may be a requirement that the site must contain a X m pool, splash pads, etc. – the exact mix will depend on further analysis and/or advice). As part of this we're also exploring legal/financial/compensation risks to the Territory.

Could we please seek some Sport and Rec advice around:

- Potential impacts this might have on CISAC
- Suggested mix of aquatic facilities to be provided or retained on site
- Any other related advice

Could we please ask for your input by **3 March**? We're expecting other advice to come back around this date, so this will allow us to progress the brief shortly after.

Happy to chat more if needed.

Thanks  
Brad

**Brad Maxwell | Senior Director | Territory Plan and Planning Reform**

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**To:** Save Big Splash <[savebigsplash@gmail.com](mailto:savebigsplash@gmail.com)>

Dear ACT Sportclubs

I write on behalf of the Save Big Splash Community Group. We are a team of youth-led volunteers campaigning to preserve the Big Splash swimming pool and slides in Macquarie. See us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and in many recent newspaper and media articles.

Our [Save Big Splash petition](#) has received a tremendous response with over 3,000 online signatures in the first week. This is the fastest growing petition in ACT's history, and we confidently expect it to achieve a record level of support when it closes on 24 February.

It is my pleasure to invite you to the **Save Big Splash Public Community Meeting** on **Wednesday 19 February, 6:00–7:30 pm**, at the **Fred Daly Room, Labor Club, [51 Chandler](#)**

Street, Belconnen. The meeting will hear information and suggestions for the future of Big Splash from:

- **Yvette Berry** ACT Minister responsible for aquatic facilities
- **David Pocock** ACT Senator
- **Jo Clay** Ginninderra MLA
- **Peter Cain** Ginninderra MLA
- **Dr Caroline Luke-Evered** ACT Coalition of Aquatic Pool Users & Urban Swimmers
- **Lachlan Butler** Belconnen Community Council
- **Alena Sarri** Aquatots (original Big Splash family)
- **Amelia Tattam** Save Big Splash community group

We have requested Minister Berry and Ginninderra MLAs to provide a clear statement of their party's policy position on the campaign's priorities:

- Whether the ACT Government should **take back the lease** of the Big Splash site?
- Retention of a **50-metre outdoor pool** in any future development
- Retention of **water slides** in any future development
- Retention of **lawns and green space** in any future development

Following these inputs attendees will work in small groups to surface suggestions for the future of Big Splash. We will collate and share these after the meeting. We are targeting 200 attendees at the meeting and look forward to your participation. Tickets are available via [Humanitix](#).

We would really appreciate it if you could support this campaign by notifying your members about the petition and by displaying the attached posters in your clubhouse.

Kind regards,

**Amelia Tattam**

Chair, Save Big Splash

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**Subject:** Big Splash

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Hi David,

May we organise a 30min catch up this week regarding Big Splash and how this relates to the pools strategy or any insights you may have.

All the best,

Phil.

**Philip Wales**

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**Subject:** RE: FOR ADVICE: Big Splash TPs

Hi Jacqui,

We will also need to update your comms approach for the strategy more broadly – matter is being considered by Cabinet next Wednesday.

Can we possibly line up a discussion next Tuesday??

Cheers

DJ

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No probs! Amended as below and shared.

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Hi Jacqui

Sorry for delay.

I think sticking with the consistency of our talking points is fine but can we maybe leave out the highlighted line below in this instance – as I would be hesitant to infer at the moment that the strategy will provide direction specially on Big Splash?

Thanks  
Bec

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**Subject:** FW: FOR ADVICE: Big Splash TPs

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Hi Bec and DJ,

Please see below from CED. In a nutshell Min Steele will be doing ABC Breakfast tomorrow and CED are pulling together some Big Splash points in case they're needed. Are you happy if we also share the below re: aquatic strategy? Taken from our TPs doc.

- Early planning activities for the new ACT Aquatic Strategy has recently commenced.
- The new ACT Aquatic Strategy will provide direction on the development of any future aquatic facilities in Canberra.
- The ACT Government intends to procure a suitably qualified consultant to assist in the development of a new aquatic strategy. This will ensure the strategy is informed by expert advice and best practice approaches.
- Preparation for procurement activities is underway.
- The ACT Government will actively engage with key stakeholders in the development of the new strategy.

Thanks  
Jacqui

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Hi Jacqui and ED team,

We've had this request from Min Steel's office for some TPs, in case Minister gets asked about Big Splash in an unrelated interview he's doing tomorrow for ABC Brekky.

We're pulling some lines from an Access Canberra perspective as we've done a few enquiries on this already this week.

Would you have any high-level lines you might wish to include RE aquatic strategy (just in case)? There seems to be a bit of chatter about pools generally amongst the Big Splash talk so it might be helpful.

All good if you don't have any input, just covering our bases!

Happy to chat. 😊

Cheers,  
Adam

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**Cc:** Burfoot, William <[William.Burfoot@act.gov.au](mailto:William.Burfoot@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Big Splash TPs

Hi team,

ABC Breakfast radio today requested Minister Steel for interview tomorrow re: Big Splash.

We have declined and explained it's inappropriate for the Minister to comment on an investigation by the independent regulator.

However, the Minister is likely to go on the show to chat light rail works and Ross Solly will probably ignore us and ask him about Big Splash anyway.

Is it possible to get some lines for the Minister in case he's asked?

Thanks. Mick

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Hey – do you want me to start working ACT Govt Solicitor to seek permission to share the CISAC info with CED, etc?

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**Subject:** RE: Big Splash

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Hi – I don't think we have any immediate input but there is a clause in the CISAC Agreement that we need others to be aware of. Might be worth a quick meeting?

Thanks  
 Bec

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**Subject:** FW: Big Splash

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Hi DJ and Bec,

Confirming ED will have no input to the below please?

Thanks  
 Jacqui

**Jacqui Harris**

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Hi Cindo – this is now complete and with Bec. As per the instruction below, can you please add Min Berry's Office to the approval requirements in the container (I am not sure they are currently included).

Cheers

DJ

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Hi DJ, CED are requesting input to the above QON. The question is:

I've been advised that S&R met with Purdon about the Big Splash site – can input please be added with the response cleared through DCMO prior to sending back for Steel sign off.

Please see the email below.

Thankyou

Cindy

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Hi MLO team

Can you please create a DLO Request TRIM container for this and add the input template.

**Assign to:** ED, Sport and Recreation – Cindy Dean

**Minister:** Minister for Sport and Recreation

**Due back to DCMO:** **Midday 16 January 2026**

**Additional notes:** Cindy – please see below email from the CED DLO regarding what input is required from Sport and Rec.

Kind regards,  
Elise

**Elise Garrity | Directorate Liaison Officer – Economic Development**

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**Subject:** INPUT (due 20 Jan): QON 777 - Big Splash redevelopment

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Hey Elise

CED are seeking S&R input to the attached QON response.

I've been advised that S&R met with Purdon about the Big Splash site – can input please be added with the response cleared through DCMO prior to sending back for Steel sign off.

Due next Tue 20 Jan please.

Thank you  
Liana

**Liana Dimoski | Directorate Liaison Officer**

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Hi Faheem/Patrick,

For additional background information – this is the document provided by CED to Minister Berry's Office yesterday regarding other aquatic facility matters (i.e. Phillip, Big Splash).

Cheers

David Jeffrey  
 Senior Director  
 Sport and Recreation  
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Hi DJ

Not a problem! Please find TPs from CED attached.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Kind regards,  
 Elise

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Hi Elise,

Are you able to locate and share the information that was provided by CED relating to the matters detailed below. This will be useful background information for Sport and Rec and we would like to further share this information with iCBR.

Cheers,

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Thanks Bec – all relevant DLOs have the request and will provide to DCMO 😊

Kind regards,  
 Elise

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Hi Elise,

This will need to be a joint effort across areas as not all of this sits with us:

- Aquatic Strategy – Sport & Rec
- Update on ice rink – Sport & Rec
- Big Splash – CED/Access Canberra
- Woden Pool - CED
- Club member numbers for civic dive pool - ICBR
- Can I please also confirm Government has not ruled out dive pool or outdoor pool in Woden – Sport & Rec
- Update on the reopening of civic dive pool (it was closed over the weekend and are waiting for parts from Melbourne) - ICBR

Thanks  
Bec

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Good morning Bec and Daniel

Please see below request from DCMO. I will set up a TRIM container and assign to Cindy but sending through for early awareness.

Please note the deadline of **3pm today**.

Kind regards,  
Elise

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**Importance:** High

Hi Team

DCM is doing radio tomorrow morning on the Aquatic Strategy and Tuggeranong Ice rink.

Can I please have urgent dot points on:

- Aquatic Strategy
- Update on ice rink
- Big Splash
- Woden Pool
- Club member numbers for civic dive pool
- Can I please also confirm Government has not ruled out dive pool or outdoor pool in Woden
- Update on the reopening of civic dive pool (it was closed over the weekend and are waiting for parts from Melbourne)

Can I please have this 3pm today.

Thank you,

**Harini Walthati**

Sport and Recreation Advisor  
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I acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the land and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. I acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

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