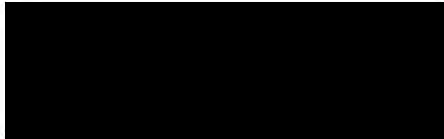




Our Ref: CMA-FOI:14-002



CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Freedom of Information request

I write in response to your letter of 25 February 2014 regarding your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act) for access to certain documents held by the Capital Metro Agency. In your letter, you sought access to documents regarding the location of the Capital Metro Office.

In particular, you sought access to:

“all documents and any information held by the Agency in relation to the location of the Capital Metro Office.”

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

Although the Act facilitates the objective of public access to documents, access is subject to a number of exemption provisions as set out by the Act.

Documents relevant to your request are subject to exemptions as set out by section 41(1), section 43(1)(c) and section 36 of the Act. Some of the identified documents are also subject to third party consultation in accordance with section 27 of the Act.

Section 41(1) of the Act provides that information may be exempt from release if its disclosure under the Act would unreasonably release personal information.

Section 43(1)(c) of the Act provides that information may be exempt from release if its disclosure under the Act would unreasonably release information that may impact on business affairs of a third party.

Section 36(1) of the Act provides that information may be exempt from release if it would disclose matter in the nature of, or relating to, opinion, advice or recommendation obtained, prepared or recorded, or consultation or deliberation that has taken place, in the course of, or for the purposes of, the deliberative process involved in the functions of an agency or Minister or of the Territory; and would be contrary to the public interest.

Section 27 of the Act allows for third parties to make submissions in regards to the release of information under section 43(1) of the Act.

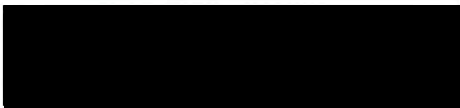


I have decided that some of the documents you have requested will be partially released to you. Other documents will be fully exempt, and some are subject to third party consultation. Please see the attached schedule detailing the documents found relevant to your request.

The requirement to respond within 30 days to your request necessitates a decision and response by 28 March 2014. However, as a result of the requirement to undertake third party consultation on several documents, the due date for a decision to be made in relation to the remaining documents has been extended by 30 days to **29 April 2014** in accordance with section 18(4) of the Act.

If you have any enquiries in relation to this letter, please contact Mr Daniel Hughes, Governance and Operations on 6207 5424 or Daniel.Hughes@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Glenn Bain
Decision Maker
Capital Metro Agency

28 March 2014