



Dear

## Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1989 (FOI Act)*, received by the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate (the Directorate) on 22 August 2013, in which you sought access to information as outline from Part 1 to Part 5 below:

### Part 1

In relation to the following Nature Reserves - Callum Brae, Goorooyaroo, Kama, Mount Painter, Mullanggari, Mulligan's Flat and the Pinnacle - from 10 July 2013 to 1 August 2013:

- (1) all raw data (shooters written documentation) for the following in each Nature Reserve how many:
  - male kangaroos shot
  - female kangaroos shot
  - at-foot Joey's shot
  - in punch Joey's shot
- (2) all raw data (shooters written documentation) for the following:
  - the date when shooting took place in each Nature Reserve
  - the time of day when shooting took place in each Nature Reserve

### Part 2

In relation to the following Nature Reserves - Callum Brae, Goorooyaroo, Kama, Mount Painter, Mullanggari, Mulligan's Flat and the Pinnacle - from 10 June 2013 to 1 August 2013 how many carcasses were utilised for the 'baiting' program (actual numbers not a percentage)

### Part 3

In relation to following Nature Reserves - Callum Brae, Goorooyaroo, Kama, Mount Painter, Mullanggari, Mulligan's Flat and the Pinnacle – from 10 June 2013 to 1 August 2013

- (1) what was the format/basis/reasoning for killing the appointed number of kangaroos at each Nature Reserve and how was this number for each Nature Reserved arrived at?

- (2) from the period 1 July 2012 to 31 June 2013 what was the total overall costs for culling kangaroos inclusive of:
- officer time in planning the program
  - all additional cost for hire of security personnel with regard to problem with protestors
  - all overtime costs for Government personnel with regard to accompanying shooters and problem with protestors
- (3) from the period 1 July 2012 to 31 June 2013 what was the total cost for hire/provision of shooters?

#### Part 4

All data sheets pertaining to quadrant based/floristic vegetation surveys, and associated reports for:

- Arunda Bushland
- Callum Brae Nature Reserve
- Campbell Park
- Crace Nature Reserve
- Dunlop Nature Reserve
- Farrer Ridge
- Googong Foreshores
- Gorooyaroo Nature Reserve
- Jerrabomberra East Nature Reserve
- Jerrabomberra West Nature Reserve
- Kama Nature Reserve
- Mt Ainslie Nature Reserve
- Mt Majura Nature Reserve
- Mt Painter Nature Reserve
- Mt Taylor Nature Reserve
- Mulanggari Nature Reserve
- Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve
- National Transmission Authority
- Pinnacle Nature Reserve
- Red Hill
- South Lawson
- Wanniasa Hills Nature Reserve

#### Part 5

In relation to the following Nature Reserves – Callum Brae, Gorooyaroo, Kama, Mount Painter, Mullanggari, Mulligan's Flat and the Pinnacle – for the period July 2012 to June 2013:

- (1) on what dates did the counting of kangaroos take place in each Nature Reserve?
- (2) what were the methods used for counting?
- (3) was the counting of kangaroos undertaken solely by Government employees or were people hired from an employment agency?
- (4) if people from an employment agency were used:
  - how many hours training did they receive?
  - was this training undertaken on-site or in a classroom?
- (5) what was the number of Kangaroos counted in each of the Nature Reserves outlined above?

The Directorate wrote to you on 3 September 2013, to acknowledge your FOI request and advise you that Part 3 (section 1), Part 4 (in full) and Part 5 (in full) relates to programs being managed by the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (ESDD). The Directorate partially transferred Part 3 and fully transferred Part 4 and 5 of your request to ESDD for response, pursuant to section 15(1)(b) of the FOI Act. The Directorate informed you that we would process Part 1, 2 and 3 (section 2 and 3 only) of your request.

## **Decision**

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

Pursuant with s16(1) of the FOI Act, given that the information that you have requested is not available in a discrete form, the Directorate has created a document that addresses the questions raised in your FOI request, as if the Directorate was in possession of such a document.

The information you have requested under the FOI Act is provided at **Attachment A**.

### **Fees and charges**

Freedom of information requests 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 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 Officer  
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.

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

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal  
GPO Box 370  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

## Ombudsman

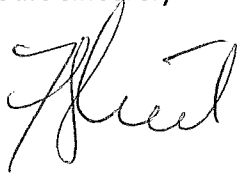
You also have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about the processing of your request. If you wish to lodge a complaint you should write to:

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](mailto:tamsfoi@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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