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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.)

The following requests relate to the Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment's Wood Heaters Report. It relates to information held by several agencies including: Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment ACT Health Directorate Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate Access Canberra Pg 4 of the Wood Heaters Report says that woodheaters and controlled burns were responsible for 403 air pollution complaints for 2017/18 and 2018-19. How many complaints specifically only related to woodheater smoke and not controlled burns? How many complaints related to each geographic district or suburb in Canberra? Please provide emails and written correspondence from the ACT Health Directorate to the as it relates to Air Quality Monitoring and Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment. Please provide emails and written correspondence from the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate to Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment on air quality assessments, building policy and regulation for wood heater installations. Please provide emails and written correspondence from the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (EPA) to Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment on regulation of wood heater smoke and odour, firewood merchant regulation, and annual reporting. Pg 11 of the Wood Heater Report only shows data on the Monash Monitoring station. Can the ACT Health Directorate please provide the same graphs and data (ie figure 2 and 3) for the Civic and Florey monitoring stations for same period. Pg 14 of the Wood Heater Report discusses general information on firewood. ACT Firewood merchants are required to report on firewood. via the following access Canberra form. Please provide emails and correspondence between Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment and any ACT Government agency on firewood, and in particular the species and location of firewood, and whether it was from a plantation, non-plantation or salvaged.

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

Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator



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 24 March 2023, to information following from the release of the Wood Heaters Report.

Specifically, you sought access to the following information:

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The Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate accepted a partial transfer of this request on 5 April 2023.

ACT Health accepted a partial transfer on 30 March 2023 for material relating to point two and point eleven listed in the above scope.

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General 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 26 April 2023. Thank you for agreeing to extend the timeframe to 28 April 2023.

Decision on access

Searches were completed for relevant information held by CMTEDD and material not held by CMTEDD has marked in the attached document.

I have decided to grant full access to the available information. I have provided the relevant information released to you at **Attachment A**.

In accordance with section 54(2) of the Act a statement of reasons outlining my decisions is below.

Statement of Reasons

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 non-disclosure in Schedule 2

The public interest information under schedule 2 of the Act

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 non-disclosure.

Taking into consideration the information found to be within the 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 in the public interest:

- (a) *disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to do any of the following:*
- promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability.*
 - contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public*

interest.

- (iii) inform the community of the government's operations, including the policies, guidelines and codes of conduct followed by the government in its dealings with members of the community.*
- (viii) reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision.*

I have placed substantial weight on the above factors favouring disclosure. The work undertaken by government regarding compliance of people using wood heaters and burning firewood impact the Canberra community and surrounding environment. The release of this information can reasonably be expected to provide information that will inform the community about government operations and provide context.

I did not identify any factor favouring nondisclosure and have decided to release this information to you in full.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this request because the number of pages released to you is below the charging threshold of 50.

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. You may view CMTEDD disclosure log at

<https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/functions/foi/disclosure-log-2023>

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:

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 email CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'EH'.

Emma Hotham
Information Officer
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
28 April 2023

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		warnings occurred in the same period?	covers multiple categories and is unable to be categorised. Education letters are sent to all first complaints and complaints which are more than 12 months old in accordance with the Resolution and Support Team Guidelines For Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Complaints. One warning letter was issued.																																																																								
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	<p>Unseasoned wood is defined as containing more than 20 per cent moisture.</p>		<p>are indicative of the firewood being sold by merchants.</p> <p>2022 – five site inspections were undertaken (all ACT merchants have a sales location). All were deemed compliant for the moisture content of the firewood. However, one merchant had a small pile of wood left which just exceeded the moisture level due to the high volume of rain experienced prior to the inspection. The volume of wood on site did not comprise a minimum retail amount and was not for sale. Non-compliance issue was identified in relation to the distribution of the EPA approved brochure. This issue was remedied by providing additional copies of the brochure to merchants. Merchants were advised to contact the EPA when they required additional copies. Inspections were not undertaken in 2020/21 due to COVID</p> <p>See table below:</p> <p>2022 firewood moisture readings</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1032 651 1989 1027"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Reading 1</th> <th>Reading 2</th> <th>Reading 3</th> <th>Reading 4</th> <th>Reading 5</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Merchant 1</td> <td>14</td> <td>19</td> <td>18</td> <td>20</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merchant 2</td> <td>14</td> <td>17</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merchant 3</td> <td>14</td> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merchant 4</td> <td>17</td> <td>15</td> <td>15</td> <td>18</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merchant 5</td> <td>20</td> <td>23</td> <td>21</td> <td>20</td> <td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Note: Firewood for Merchant 5 was not available for sale</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3	Reading 4	Reading 5	Merchant 1	14	19	18	20		Merchant 2	14	17	15	16	14	Merchant 3	14	17	18	17	18	Merchant 4	17	15	15	18	17	Merchant 5	20	23	21	20	19	Note: Firewood for Merchant 5 was not available for sale					
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		Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment on the reach and effectiveness of the campaign and the program generally.	
9	P28 OCSE investigation	Please provide the draft OCSE draft Investigation report 30/11/2022 and the EPSSD response to OCSE draft Investigation report 30/11/2022.	<u>No information held by CMTEDD.</u>
10	Pg 30 I believe the proposed inclusion of the healthy environment right within the ACT's Human Rights Act has implications for the continued installation of and continued use of gas stoves and gas appliances, which are known to cause environmental harm.	In view of the commentary offered by the Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment, does the Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment have information or evidence or advice that distinguishes wood heaters from gas stoves and gas appliances used within homes noting that these appliances impact Asthma in children and emit significant PM2.5 particles	<u>No information held by CMTEDD.</u>
11	Pg 32 sets out the recommendations	Please provide emails and correspondence	<u>No information held by CMTEDD.</u>

		between Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment and: - Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate - Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate - ACT Health Directorate as they relate to the draft recommendations and final recommendations of the Wood Heater Report.	
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