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Dear

I refer to your application under section 14 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act), received by the Economic Development Directorate (EDD) on 25 October 2012.

You sought access under the Act to documents relating to correspondence with the Federal Golf Club in relation to the Small Club Site Redevelopment Support Scheme. In particular you sought access to the following documents:

"All material, including intra and inter Directorate correspondence, maps notes and correspondence with the Federal Golf Club, that relates to the \$15,000 grant reported in the Canberra Chronicle of 11 September 2012, awarded by Minister for Gaming and Racing Joy Burch, to help the Federal Golf Club explore alternative income streams to gaming machines. We are particularly interested in matters relating to residential or tourist development."

I am an officer authorised to make a decision in respect of a request for information, under section 22 of the FOI Act.

Decision

The Directorate has identified a number of documents in its possession that meet the scope of your request, as identified in the schedule attached to this letter. I am releasing all of the relevant documents held by the directorate to you, although I have decided to exempt some material from release.

43 Documents relating to business affairs

(1) (c) (ii) A document is an exempt document if its disclosure under this act would disclose – information (other than trade secrets or information to which paragraph (b) applies) concerning a person in respect of his or her business or professional affairs or concerning the business, commercial or financial affairs of an organisation or undertaking, being information – (ii) the disclosure of which under this Act could reasonably be expected to prejudice the future supply of information to the Territory or an agency for the purpose of the administration of a law or the administration of matters administered by an agency.

(1) (b) A document is an exempt document if its disclosure under this act would disclose – any other information having a commercial value that would be, or could reasonably be expected to be, destroyed or diminished if the information were disclosed;

The exempt material relates to business affairs of a third party.

41 Documents affecting personal privacy

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

The exempt material contains information relating to the personal affairs of a third party.

Review rights

My decision is appealable under the Act. This means that if you are dissatisfied with this outcome you have a right to seek a review under section 59 of the Act. This right of review extends to a review of the adequacy of the search for documents undertaken by the Directorate. If you wish to seek a review you should write to:

The Director-General
Economic Development Directorate
C/- Freedom of Information Officer
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You have 28 days from the date of this letter to seek a review of the outcome or such other period as the Director-General permits.

Under section 54 of the Act, if you are concerned about the processing of your request or related administrative matters, you may complain to the Ombudsman, who may conduct an independent investigation into your complaint. There is no fee for this, and the contact details are as follows:

The Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Online FOI Policy

Please be aware that under the ACT Government's Online FOI Publication Policy, information released to you under this Freedom of Information Application may be released on the internet.

Personal information or business affairs information will not be made available under this policy. If you think the content of your request would contain such information, please inform Tracey Henry on 6207 3764 immediately.

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](http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0016/250333/FOI_Web_Release_Policy_-_Final.pdf)

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact 6207 5833 or at EDDFreedomOfInformation@act.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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Ministerial, Cabinet and Policy
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