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Freedom of Information Request – Plastic Bag Ban

I refer to your application under section 14 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (FOI Act), received by the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (ESDD) on 29 January 2013, in which you requested the following documents:

“Analysis performed by the ACT Government relating to the plastic bag ban... specifically benchmarking figures and methodology”

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

Schedule detailing decisions

Please refer to the attached schedule that lists decisions regarding access to all documents, which have been identified as relevant to your request. The term used on the schedule is ‘Release’.

Decision

The Directorate has identified two documents in its possession that meet the scope of your request, as identified in the schedule attached to this letter.

In this instance, I have recommended a full release of all documents that fall within the scope of your request.

Review rights

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

The Director-General
Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate
GPO Box 1908
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Email: ESDDFOI@act.gov.au

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 FOI 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
Email: ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au

Online FOI Publication Policy

Please be aware that under the ACT Government's "Online FOI Publication Policy" (the 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 the policy. If you think the content of your request would contain such information, please inform our contact officer 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/open_government/report/freedom_of_information_online

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Heather Johnston on 6207 1941.

Yours sincerely



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Policy

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