



**ACT**  
Government



Our Reference: FOI: 2014/00251



Dear 

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: Statement of resources to meet objectives of the Strategic Bushfire Management Plan**

I write in response to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act). In your application, you sought access to documents regarding:

*“all information held by the Emergency Services Agency [sic] in relation to the preparation of the Minister’s 28 November 2013 tabled response to a Legislative Assembly motion calling on the Government to release and make explicit all resources needed to meet the objective of the Strategic Bushfire Management Plan.”*

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

Please find attached a schedule of documents identified 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. I have decided that some documents are to be fully released and some fully exempted in accordance with the exemptions as set out under sections 35(1) and 36(1)(a) of the Act.

Section 35(1) of the Act details the exemption of executive records from release under the Act. I have exempted folio 110 – 130 on the grounds that it contains information relating to the decisions of the Executive, the release of which would involve the disclosure of deliberations and decisions of the Executive.

Section 36(1)(a) of the Act details the exemption of internal working documents from release under the Act. I have exempted folios 51 – 109 on the basis that they are internal working documents created for the purposes of developing a Cabinet submission. It would not be in the public interest to release these documents as they would reveal deliberations that formed part of the final and confidential submission made to Cabinet.

I have also assessed your request for information under the ACT Government's Online Freedom of Information Publication Policy and have determined that the documents relevant to your request that will be fully released, including this decision letter, will be published online. For more information about the ACT Government's Online Freedom of Information Publication Policy, visit [http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/open\\_government/report/freedom\\_of\\_information\\_online](http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/open_government/report/freedom_of_information_online)

You have a right to seek a review of the outcome under section 59 of the Act. You have 28 days from the date of this letter, or such other period as the Director-General permits, to seek a review. 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  
ACT Justice and Community Safety Directorate  
C/- Freedom of Information Officer  
GPO Box 158  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

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 Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dominic Lane', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dominic Lane AFSM  
Commissioner  
ACT Emergency Services Agency

27 February 2014