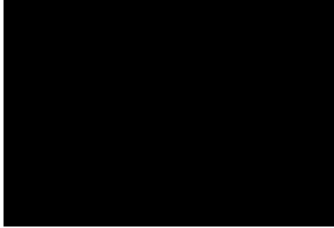




ACT
Government

Chief Minister, Treasury and
Economic Development

Our ref: CMTEDD 33/16-17



Freedom of Information Request – Dr Natalie Kwok Report and Ngunnawal People

I am writing in relation to your request for documents made under the ACT *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act) and received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 18 November 2016.

You have requested the following information:

“Dr Natalie Kwok’s report about the traditional custodians of the ACT and any associated advice to Government about that report. Also the Cabinet Submission and Cabinet Decision which lead the then Government to decide to accept the Ngunnawal people as Canberra’s first people.”

Decision maker

I am authorised under section 22 of the Act to make decisions on access to documents and liability for charges.

Charges

I have decided, under section 29 of the Act, not to impose processing charges for this request.

Identification of documents and decision on access

Officers of CMTEDD have conducted searches of paper and electronic files for documents in the possession of the Directorate that may relate to your request.

Draft versions of Dr Natalie Kwok’s 2013 report, titled *Considering Traditional Aboriginal Affiliations in the ACT Region*, were released in response to earlier Freedom of Information (FOI) requests. Also released was a caveat brief to the Chief Minister about Dr Kwok’s report. I have included a copy of the draft report and the subsequent caveat brief with this letter.

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development

GPO Box 158 Canberra ACT 2601 | phone: 132281 | www.act.gov.au

All material released in response to these earlier FOI requests may be accessed using the following links:

http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/open_government/foi/csd/ngunnawal-agreements-and-protocol-with-government

http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/open_government/foi/cmcd/foi-ngunnawal-protocol,-ngarigu-native-title-claim,-ngarigu-and-ellen-mundy

No further relevant documents have been identified. From the advice I have received from Directorate staff, I am satisfied that no further document relevant to your FOI request are held by CMTEDD.

As previously advised, your request has been partially transferred to the Community Services Directorate (CSD). CSD will respond to you directly in relation to any documents they may hold.

Your right of review

Internal Review

Under section 59 (1) of the Act, you may request a review of my decision. You have 28 days after receiving notice of my decision to ask for a review, or a further period as allowed by the Director-General.

Your request should be addressed to:

Director-General
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Complaints to the Ombudsman

Under section 54 of the Act, you may complain to the Ombudsman about administrative matters relating to the processing of your Freedom of Information request. There is no fee for making a complaint. The Ombudsman will conduct an independent investigation into your complaint.

You can contact the Ombudsman either by telephone on 1300 362 072 or in writing to:

The Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Online FOI Publication Policy

I have assessed your request for information under the ACT Government's Online Freedom of Information Publication Policy and have determined that my decision on your

request will be published online. Personal Information or business information will not be made available under this policy.

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

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact me on (02) 6205 0230.

Yours sincerely



Mr Sam Engele
A/g Executive Director
Strategic Policy and Cabinet

8 December 2016