



Dear 

Freedom of Information Request – 17/21387 – Lake Burley Griffin reclamations

I refer to your application under section 14 of the Freedom of Information Act 1989 (the Act), received by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) on 20 July 2017, in which you requested:

"I write to request documents and any information held by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate in its entirety and the Office of the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate relating to negotiations with the Commonwealth pertaining to Lake Burley Griffin reclamations, this includes information relating to the methodologies undertaken to evaluate the lake bed."

I apologise for the delay in providing you a response. Your patience and understanding throughout this process has been greatly appreciated.

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

Decision

The Directorate has identified 154 items in its possession that meet the scope of your request, as identified in the schedule attached to this letter.

The attached schedule outlines my decision regarding access to each of the documents identified as relevant to your request and the relevant exemptions applied. Documents are identified as either 'full release', 'partial release', 'exempt' or 'duplicate'.

Exemptions have been applied under Section 34 (relations with Commonwealth and States), section 41 (documents affecting personal privacy), Section 42 (documents subject to legal professional privilege) and section 43 (business affairs). Some of the documents contain personal



information and it is my determination that the release of this would constitute an unreasonable disclosure of personal information.

Some of the documents contain information and discussion about the negotiations over the lake bed reclamation. The release of this information could reasonably be expected to damage relations with the Commonwealth by revealing information that formed these negotiations or is about them. Therefore this information is exempt under section 34. Some of the documents contain names, contact details and other information about persons, which is exempt under section 41. Some of the documents contain communication with and advice from the ACT Government Solicitor, and are thus exempt under section 42. Some of the documents are property or land valuations, or contain information relating to valuations. The release of these documents could have a negative impact on the professional or commercial affairs of the businesses involved, and they are thus exempt under section 43.

Where a document is entirely duplicated in another document, it has been included in the schedule but not provided in the documents.

Review rights

My decision is reviewable under section 59 of the Act. If you wish to seek a review you may write to:

The Director-General
Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Email: EPSDFOI@act.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 is to be published 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 EPSDD's Customer Service Centre on (02) 6207 1923 and ask for the Information Management Team.

Regards


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City Renewal Authority

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