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Freedom of Information Publication Coversheet

The following information is provided pursuant to section 28 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

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Information to be published	Status
1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice	Published
3. Documents and schedule	N/A
4. Additional information identified	No
5. Fees	N/A
6. Processing time (in working days)	3
7. Decision made by Ombudsman	N/A
8. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	N/A
9. Decision made by ACAT	N/A
10. Additional information identified by ACAT	N/A

Stuart, Katharine

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 8 September 2023 3:38 PM
To: CMTEDD FOI
Subject: FOI Request

Categories: New Request

Good afternoon,

On behalf of [REDACTED] I write to request, under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*, copies of the following documents:

1. Any documents received by CMTEDD from S&P Global in relation to the downgrading of the ACT credit rating from AAA to AA+.

Kind regards,



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 8 September 2023, in which you sought access to:

1. *Any documents received by CMTEDD from S&P Global in relation to the downgrading of the ACT credit rating from AAA to AA+.*

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD was required to provide a decision on your access application by 23 October 2023.

Decision on access

Following an information search and consultation with the business area, I have decided to refuse to deal with your application under section 43(1)(d) of the Act.

The only document CMTEDD has received from S&P Global in relation to the downgrading of the ACT credit rating from AAA to AA+ is the *Rating Research Report* that was prepared and released by S&P Global Ratings on Friday 8 September 2023.

CMTEDD cannot provide a copy of this report as the ACT Government has committed to abide by the terms and conditions set by S&P, which includes the nondisclosure of rating assessments.

Access to the Rating Research Report can be sought by registering on the S&P Global Ratings website at <https://www.spglobal.com/ratings/en/register>

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this request because no pages are being released to you.

Online publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the Act, CMTEDD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. A description of the access application and my decision will be published in the CMTEDD disclosure log after 18 September 2023. Your personal contact details will not be published. You may view CMTEDD disclosure log at <https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/functions/foi>.

Ombudsman Review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in CMTEDD disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

We recommend using this form [Applying for an Ombudsman Review](#) to ensure you provide all of the required information. Alternatively, you may write to the Ombudsman:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) Review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Should you have any queries in relation to your request please contact me by telephone on 6207 7754 or email CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Katharine Stuart
Information Officer
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

13 September 2023