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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*.

FOI Reference: CMTEDDFOI 2022-047

Information to be published	Status
1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice	Published
3. Documents and schedule	Published
4. Additional information identified	No
5. Fees	N/A
6. Processing time (in working days)	18
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

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CMTEDD FOI](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI Request | Belt & Road Initiative  
**Date:** Monday, 21 February 2022 8:24:09 AM

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Good Morning,

**RE: FOI REQUEST – BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE**

I write to request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* a copy of any correspondence (including but not limited to emails, email attachments, and letters) from and to the Chief Minister's office (between the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012 and the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021), containing the following phrases:

- "National Development and Reform Commission"
- "National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China"
- "One Belt, One Road"
- "Belt and Road Initiative"
- "Digital Silk Road Cooperation"
- "Silk Road Economic Belt"
- "21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Silk Road"
- "Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Silk Road Initiative"

I ask that my request be transferred to other entities that may hold relevant documents. Duplicate documents may be excluded.

Should you require any further information or clarification about my request, please contact my office on [REDACTED].

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 21 February 2022, in which you originally sought access to:

*Any correspondence (including but not limited to emails, email attachments, and letters) from and to the Chief Minister's office (between the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012 and the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021), containing the following phrases:*

- *"National Development and Reform Commission"*
- *"National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China"*
- *"One Belt, One Road"*
- *"Belt and Road Initiative"*
- *"Digital Silk Road Cooperation"*
- *"Silk Road Economic Belt"*
- *"21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Silk Road"*
- *"Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Silk Road Initiative"*

On 21 February 2022 I wrote to you to inform you that I intended to refuse to deal with your application under section 43(1)(a) of the Act.

Your office responded on 23 February 2022 with a revised scope of:

- *Any correspondence to or from Chief Minister's office from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2018 until 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2021 regarding Chinese Government investment in infrastructure in the ACT (including but not limited to Ministerial briefings, emails, email attachments etc.)*

### **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 is required to provide a decision on your access application by 23 March 2022.

## **Decision on access**

A search of CMTEDD records has failed to identify any documentation in relation to your request. The search was conducted using the information you provided.

I am satisfied that appropriate searches were completed and that no documents relevant to your request are held by CMTEDD.

## **Charges**

Pursuant to *Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2017 (No 2)* processing charges are not applicable for this request because no documents 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.

## **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 at:

The ACT Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email: [actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto: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 at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal  
Level 4, 1 Moore St  
GPO Box 370  
Canberra City 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](mailto:CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Stuart', written in a cursive style.

Katharine Stuart  
Information Officer  
Information Access Team  
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate  
18 March 2022