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Sustainable Development

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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Request – Williamsdale Airfield**

I refer to your application under section 14 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (FOI Act), received by the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate on 05 July 2012, in which you requested the following documents:

*"In relation to Mr Price's assertion that ACTPLA officers have personal interests in leases that might form part of the impacted site, and have deliberately obfuscated the consideration process, ACTPLA has advised that there are no current (or past) ACT Government public officers with interests in the leases in question.*

*This statement refers to the proposal to develop an airfield at Williamsdale.*

*Can you please supply all documentation related to the enquiries made by ACTPLA that form the basis of the above statement, to include, but not restricted to, the following:*

- *The formal outline of the allegations made;*
- *The instructions given to the investigating officer and the methodology of the investigation;*
- *A record of interview by the investigating officer with the person making the complaint;*
- *Copies of all evidence obtained by the investigating officer;*
- *Records of interview and statements regarding possible conflicts of interest of ACTPLA staff;*
- *And the formal outcome of the investigation."*

I previously wrote to you on 23 July 2012 and 22 August 2012 notifying you of a delay in processing your request due to searching files which had been archived. I apologise for the delay in processing your request.

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

### **Schedule detailing decisions**

Please refer to the attached schedule that lists decisions regarding access to all documents, which have been identified as relevant to your request. The terms used on the schedule are either 'Release' or 'Partial release'.

In reference to document 2, I have addressed information as 'not relevant to this request'. This occurs where information contained in a document has been reviewed and found not to relate to the scope of your request.

### **Decision**

The Directorate has identified 2 documents in its possession that meet the scope of your request, as identified in the schedule attached to this letter.

### **Review rights**

My decision is appealable under the Act. This means that if you are dissatisfied with this outcome you have a right to seek a review under section 59 of the Act. 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  
Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate  
GPO Box 1908  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Email: [ESDDFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:ESDDFOI@act.gov.au)

You have 28 days from the date of this letter to seek a review of the outcome or such other period as the Director-General permits.

Under section 54 of the Act, if you are concerned about the processing of your request or related administrative matters, you may complain to the Ombudsman, who may conduct an independent investigation into your complaint. There is no fee for this, and the contact details are as follows:

The Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Email: [ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au)

**Online FOI Policy**

Please be aware that under the ACT Government's Online FOI Publication Policy, information released to you under this Freedom of Information Application may be released on the Internet.


Personal information or business affairs information will not be made available under this 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](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 Tasha Hartwig on 6205 0069.

Yours sincerely



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