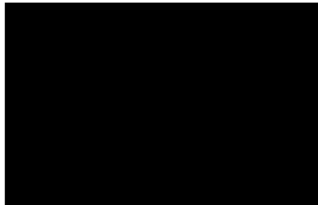




**ACT**  
Government

Chief Minister, Treasury and  
Economic Development

Our ref: CMTEDD2017/3599



## Freedom of information (FOI) request

I am writing with regard to your request for access to documents, submitted under section 14 of the ACT *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act) and received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 30 August 2017.

In your request you are seeking:

*"...all documentation that is available to the public and/or can be sanitised for the public which relates to the decision making to spend public monies to the yes campaign for Same Sex Marriage. Noting that the ACT Government is to represent all members of the public and noting that IAW current polling, 40% of the public do not support same sex marriage; will any money be spent on the no campaign? If not, are you able to provide appropriate documentation/minutes .etc with this determination and provide assurance that this does not come under misappropriation of public monies."*

### Decision Maker

I am authorised under section 22 of the Act and have been approved to make decisions on access to documents insofar as they are in the possession or control of the Directorate.

### Identification of documents

No Government decision has been made to fund a yes campaign during the Australian Government's postal survey on same-sex marriage.

The Government will continue to engage the community to promote a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) inclusive and diverse Canberra. The Government will also ensure appropriate counselling and wellbeing supports are available to people adversely impacted by the postal survey process and associated debates.

I am satisfied that no documents relevant to your request are held by CMTEDD.

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development

I can also advise that Chief Minister Barr has previously confirmed that there is no intention to provide financial support for a 'no' campaign.

You are welcome to make a further request regarding details on funding the ACT Government is providing in support of an inclusive and diverse Canberra, and to support LGBTIQ persons during this time.

### **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  
c/o Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate  
GPO Box 158  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Via email: [CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au)

#### **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 FOI 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 Policy**

I have assessed your request for information under the ACT Government's Online FOI 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](http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0016/250333/FOI_Web_Release_Policy_-_Final.pdf)

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter or wish to discuss further please contact me on (02) 6205 0230.

Yours sincerely



Sam Engle  
A/g Executive Director  
Policy and Cabinet

5 September 2017