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

Application Details	
Ref. No.	CMTEDDDFOI 2026-218
Date of Application	11 August 2026
Date of Decision	16 September 2026
Processing time (in working days)	17
Fees	N/A
Decision on Access	No Information Found
Information Requested (summary)	Information held by WorkSafe ACT concerning CPSU correspondence held between 1 May 2023 to 30 September 2024.
Publication Details	
Original application	☒ Published ☐ N/A
Decision notice	☒ Published ☐ N/A
Documents and schedule	☐ Published ☒ N/A
Decision made by Ombudsman	N/A
Additional information identified by Ombudsman	N/A
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new requests — Election of Option 3

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Good morning,

Thank you for your email below.

2. For your new request, with scope set out in the below email of 11 August 2026 – this is allocated reference number **CMTEDDFOI 2026-218**. You will receive formal acknowledgment in due course, under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 (the Act).

[REDACTED]

Kind regards

CMTEDD FOI Team

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From: [REDACTED]

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To: CMTEDD FOI <CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au>

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Subject: [REDACTED]

Election of Option 3

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Dear FOI Team,

Thank you for your email of 3 August 2026 setting out the available options [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I confirm that I elect Option 3.

[REDACTED]

2. New stand-alone application. I also wish to make a new, separate stand-alone access application, in the terms of limb 1 of Option 3 of your email, namely: access under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 to documents held by WorkSafe ACT for any application concerning CPSU correspondence in or around May 2023 about

WorkSafe ACT workplace culture, staff treatment, Preliminary Assessments, Professional Standards processes, misconduct processes, bullying, harassment, psychosocial risk, staff wellbeing, or related staff concerns. For clarity, this scope includes the CPSU correspondence itself, and any responses, acknowledgements, handling records, briefings, file notes, or other documents recording how that correspondence was received, considered, escalated, or actioned. The date range for this application is 1 May 2023 to 30 September 2024 inclusive.

Please confirm the reference number allocated to this new application and its decision due date. My identity has previously been verified for the purposes of section 30(3)(a) of the Act; please let me know if anything further is required to make this application valid. If you consider that any aspect of this scope requires clarification, I ask that you contact me by return email in the first instance, rather than placing the application on hold, and I will respond promptly.

Where any document within scope contains exempt or contrary-to-public-interest material, I request an edited copy under section 50(2) of the Act in preference to refusal of the document in full. I do not require duplicate copies of documents unless a duplicate contains additional annotations, comments, or attachments not appearing on the original.

Should processing charges be assessed for this application, I request that any charge be remitted in full on the basis that disclosure is in the public interest: the information concerns systemic workplace health and safety, culture and psychosocial risk matters at the ACT work health and safety regulator, raised by a union, and its release would serve public accountability rather than any purely private interest. I am content to receive all documents electronically to minimise processing costs.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email. I would be grateful for written confirmation of the matters above at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards,





FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – NOTICE OF DECISION

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 11 August 2026.

Specifically, you have sought access to the following information:

- *access under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 to documents held by WorkSafe ACT for any application concerning CPSU correspondence in or around May 2023 about WorkSafe ACT workplace culture, staff treatment, Preliminary Assessments, Professional Standards processes, misconduct processes, bullying, harassment, psychosocial risk, staff wellbeing, or related staff concerns. For clarity, this scope includes the CPSU correspondence itself, and any responses, acknowledgements, handling records, briefings, file notes, or other documents recording how that correspondence was received, considered, escalated, or actioned. The date range for this application is 1 May 2023 to 30 September 2024 inclusive.*

On 19 August 2026, you were sent a clarification request under section 34(3) of the Act. In that email you were informed that a similar request has been made, for information with a date range until 31 July 2024, where no information was found. This was to be published on the CMTEDD Disclosure log, and you were asked if you wanted to withdraw your request or rescope with the date range for information 1 August 2024 to 30 September 2024, to narrow the scope.

On 20 August 2026 you replied as follows:

I do not wish to withdraw the application.

I do not agree to the proposed revised date range of 01/08/2024 to 30/09/2024. The application concerns CPSU correspondence in or around May 2023 and the records showing how that correspondence was received, considered, escalated or actioned. A date range commencing on 01/08/2024 would exclude the correspondence itself and the substantial period during which it was handled.

I therefore maintain the original date range of 01/05/2023 to 30/09/2024 inclusive, with the scope otherwise as set out in your email.

In answer to your questions, I am not requesting copies of my own emails as such, and documents consisting solely of my own emails may be excluded unless they form part of, respond to, or record the handling of the CPSU correspondence.

I am not seeking the personal information of other WorkSafe ACT staff for its own

sake. I am seeking the records of how the CPSU correspondence was handled, including who received, considered, referred, escalated or actioned it where that information forms part of the relevant official record.

The above information has been used in interpreting your scope of requested information.

On 20 August 2026 you were sent a further clarification request, which you replied to on 28 August 2026 as follows:

I agree that the scope may exclude documents already published on the CMTEDD disclosure log, including in CMTEDDFOI 2024-220 and 2024-230, and I do not require further copies of those published pages. The scope otherwise remains as set out in my email of 20 August 2026, including the date range of 1 May 2023 to 30 September 2024 inclusive and the unpublished records of how the CPSU correspondence was received, considered, escalated or actioned.

I note your comments regarding Schedule 1, section 1.4. Where a document within scope contains exempt or contrary-to-public-interest material, I request an edited copy under section 50(2) of the Act rather than refusal of the document in full.

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the CMTEDD 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 within 30 working days. Seven working days were added to the time taken to reply to our clarification requests, under section 40(2)(b) of the Act, with a decision is due by **1 October 2026**.

Decision on access

A search of WorkSafe ACT records has failed to identify any documentation in relation to your request. I am satisfied that appropriate searches were undertaken and that no documents relevant to your request are held by WorkSafe ACT, under section 35(1)(b) of the Act.

I note that the FOI Coordinator processing this request has corresponded with you about the scope, noting that another access decision published on the Disclosure Log also found no information for a similar date range and additional searches for your date range did not locate any information.

That decision was CMTEDDFOI 2026-183, can be accessed here:

https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/3117724/2026-183.pdf

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this request as 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](#).

Your original access application and my decision will be published on the CMTEDD disclosure log. Your personal contact details will not be published.

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 provided to you, 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

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
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 the CMTEDD FOI Team by telephone on 6207 7754 or email CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Emma Hotham

Information Officer
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

16 September 2026