



ACT
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Education and Training

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Dear 

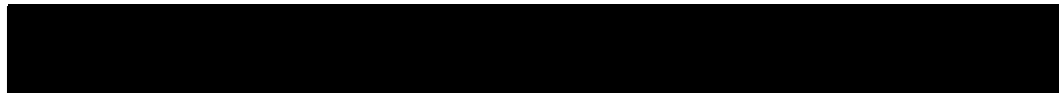
I refer to your request under the ACT *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act), received by the Directorate on 19 February 2014.

Your request

You are seeking access to:

All papers and correspondence, minutes of meetings, file notes, files and advice minutes relating to the formulation of the Education and Training policy on school participation in aquatic and water based activities including swimming carnivals and swim recreation days, both draft and final versions. Include all emails, policy papers, notes and papers on telephone calls re subject.

All material on RLSSA involvement in the process including any direction both given to and received from the RLSSA on the policies and the introduction of the "5 Star Rating System" for aquatic venues.



My decision

I am authorised under section 22 of the Act to make a decision in respect of your request. I understand that you have been contacted by the Directorate regarding the delay in responding to your request. The Directorate again apologises for the delay.

The Directorate has provided you with the response to your request in stages due to the number of documents relevant to your request and the requirement to consult with third parties where documents contain information about their business affairs. The consultation process has now been completed and while the Directorate is not bound by any views expressed by the affected third parties, they must be given careful consideration.

Eighty-three documents relevant to your request have already been released to you in Parts 1 and 2, and a further 24 documents are being released in this final part following the completion of the consultation process with affected third parties.

A schedule setting out the documents released in Part 3 of the response and my decisions in relation to their release is at Attachment A, and the released documents are at Attachment B.

You will note that the schedule includes a column for the date of a document. This usually reflects the date a document was created or the date it was received by the Directorate if the date it was created is unknown. A number of documents relevant to your request were located in electronic folders and the dates in the footers of these documents record the dates they were printed rather than the dates they were created. This information has been included in the schedule where this is the case.

You will note from the schedule that I have decided to provide access to some documents in full. I have also decided to exempt information from release under section 41 of the Act, and to delete information outside the scope of your request in four documents.

Details of section 41, together with my reason for applying it, are set out below.

Section 41 – Documents affecting personal privacy

Section 41 states:

- (1) A document is an exempt document if its disclosure under this Act would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information about any person (including a deceased person).*

The information exempted under this section of the Act includes personal information such as mobile telephone numbers and email addresses. I believe it would be an unreasonable disclosure of personal information to release this information.

Material outside the scope of your request

Material outside the scope of your request has been deleted in four documents. The material in three documents relates to other recommendations in the implementation plan and the material in the fourth document, an email chain, relates to queries about the implementation of the policy.

Your rights of review

My decision not to release all the documents to you in full is subject to review under section 59 of the Act. It is also appealable if, in your opinion, you do not believe that all documents relevant to your request in the possession of the Directorate have been located.

An information sheet outlining the review and appeal process provided for in the Act is attached to this letter.

Online publication


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

Personal information or business affairs 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 at http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/open_government/report/freedom_of_information_online

You will note the policy requires that the information is published online following the finalisation of the request. As this is the final release of documents in response to your request, please find copies of the schedules of documents released to you in Parts 1 and 2 at Attachments C and D with my decisions in relation to their release online.

Yours sincerely


Joanne Garrison
Director
Governance and Assurance

30 July 2014

Freedom of Information Act 1989 **Review and Appeal Processes**

Internal review

You may request a review of a decision made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (ACT). Requests for review must be made in writing to the Education and Training Directorate. Requests can be sent by fax (02 6205 9453) or by mail to:

The Director-General
C/- Governance and Assurance Branch
ACT Education and Training Directorate
PO Box 158
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

You have **28 days** from the date you were notified of the decision to request a review. This period may be extended by the Director-General.

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal

If you are not satisfied after the Directorate has conducted an internal review, you may seek an independent review of the decision by the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal. The Tribunal is an independent body which can affirm, change or reject the decision made by the Directorate and either substitute its own decision or send the matter back to the Directorate for reconsideration in accordance with the Tribunal's recommendations.

The Tribunal can be contacted by fax (02 6205 4855), email (tribunal@act.gov.au) or by mail to:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
DX5691
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

An appeal must be filed in the Tribunal within 28 days after the internal review decision is made although you may seek an extension of time in certain circumstances.

An application for a review may be made by writing to the Tribunal, or by completing the *Application for Review of a Decision* form (available on the Tribunal's website at www.acat.act.gov.au). There is a fee for lodging an appeal with the Tribunal. This fee may be remitted under certain circumstances.

ACT Ombudsman

You also have the right to complain to the ACT Ombudsman about the processing of your request. If you wish to lodge a complaint you should write to:

ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

The ACT Ombudsman cannot override a decision made by the Directorate.