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Chief Minister, Treasury and  
Economic Development

## Freedom of Information Disclosure Log Publication Coversheet

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

Application Details	
Ref. No.	CMTEDDFOI 2024-086
Date of Application	12 March 2024
Date of Decision	17 April 2024
Processing time (in working days)	24
Fees	N/A
Decision on Access	No Documents Found
<b>Information Requested (summary)</b>	Correspondence on Against All Odds Bus Campaign.
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Additional information identified by Ombudsman	N/A
Decision made by ACAT	N/A
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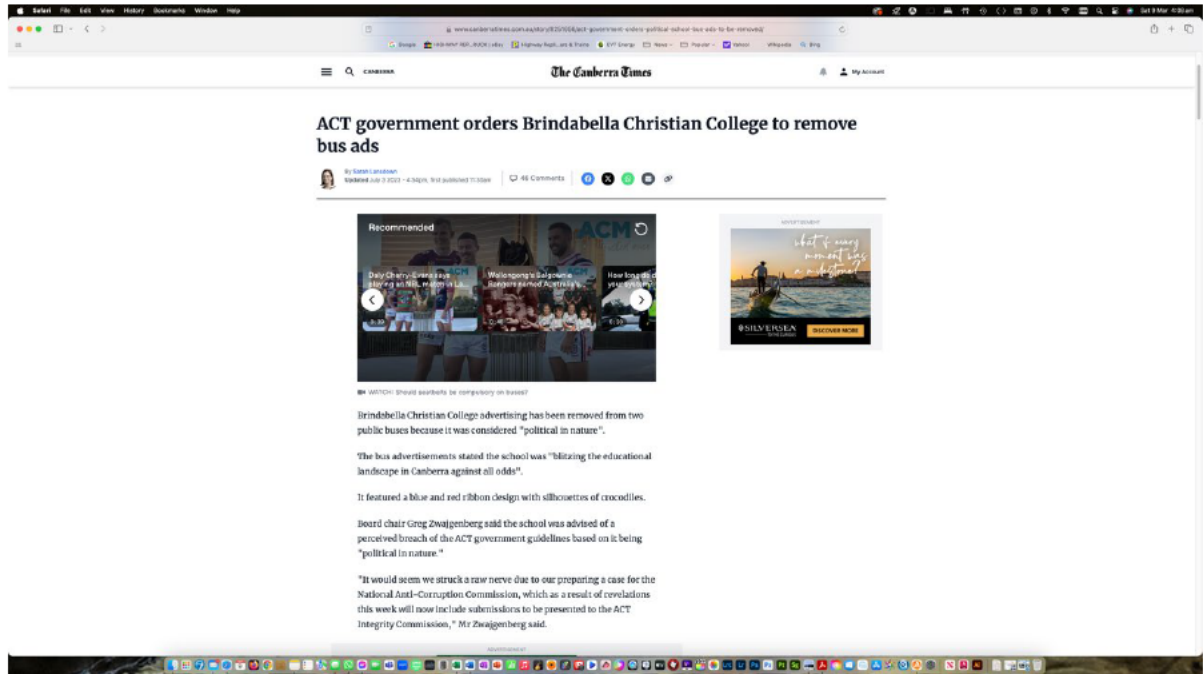
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Dear Lisa,

[REDACTED] could I also ask for an FOI response from ACT Government's Access Canberra's & ACT Fair Trading's operational conduct related to their demand to Go Transit that they remove "Against All Odds" Bus Campaign from the buses, see attached Canberra Times Story:

<https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/8251656/act-government-orders-political-school-bus-ads-to-be-removed/>



This specific FOI is to be identified as: Please provide ALL internal ACT Government and external correspondence/written communications which led to the removal of the attached "Against All Odds" Bus Campaign, at the insistence of Access Canberra to Go Transit; and any related subsequent communications.

I appreciate your assistance





## 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 9 March 2024.

Specifically, you have sought access to *“ALL internal ACT Government and external correspondence/written communications which led to the removal of the attached “Against All Odds” Bus Campaign, at the insistence of Access Canberra to Go Transit; and any related subsequent communications.”*

You prefaced your request by asking for a response from *“ACT Government’s Access Canberra’s & ACT Fair Trading’s operational conduct related to their demand to Go Transit that they remove [redacted] “Against All Odds” Bus Campaign from the buses, see attached Canberra Times Story: <https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/8251656/act-government-orders-political-school-bus-ads-to-be-removed/>”*

On 22 March your access application was acknowledged by CMTEDD FOI and on the same day, clarification of the scope was sought. The scope suggested to you was:

1. All internal ACT Government and external correspondence/written communications about the removal of the *Against All Odds* Bus Campaign.
2. Correspondence between Access Canberra and Go Transit about the removal of the *Against All Odds* Bus Campaign.
3. Any other communications about the removal of the *Against All Odds* Bus Campaign.

On 25 March 2024, the scope was agreed as:

1. All internal ACT Government and external correspondence/written communications about the removal of the *Against All Odds* Bus Campaign.
2. Correspondence between Access Canberra and Go Transit about the removal of the *Against All Odds* Bus Campaign.
3. Any other communications about the removal of the *Against All Odds* Bus Campaign.
4. All ACT Government communication with Torch Media regarding the *Against All Odds* campaign.

On 27 March 2024, partial transfer of the application was sought with Education Directorate (EDU) and Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS).

On 2 April 2024 TCCS accepted partial transfer of points 1, 3 and 4. EDU did not accept transfer as they confirmed they held no relevant records.

### **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 days. Therefore, a decision is due by **26 April 2024**.

### **Decision on access**

A search of CMTEDD records has failed to identify any documentation in relation to your request. 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 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 of my decision being published on the 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  
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,



Emma Hotham  
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Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

17 April 2024