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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Request – **Formal Access to Information Request Woden Plaza**

I refer to your application under section 14 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act), originally received by the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (ESDD) on 25 June 2013, in which you requested the following documents:

*"I would like to access the following documents:*

- 1. Any documents relating to the construction or refurbishment of Woden Plaza that mention the presence or use of asbestos, including but not limited to, environmental management plans, asbestos registers, plans, diagrams, work orders, surveys, contracts and/or sub-contracts with third party companies/individuals, planning applications, construction applications, construction progress reports, or letters of engagement for building works relating to building work at Woden Plaza: and*
- 2. Any other documents relating to the use, or presence of asbestos (in any form) at Woden Plaza.*

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

**Consultation**

Heather Johnston, the FOI Officer, wrote to you on 6 September 2013 to inform you that the Directorate was consulting with a third party in relation to some of the documents identified as being relevant to your request.

The consultation process extended the timeframe for ESDD to respond to you by 30 days to 6 October 2013.

In response to the consultation under section 27, ESDD received advice from the third party that they had no objections to the disclosure of documents relating to their organisation.

**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 term used on the schedule is

'Release'. Where an exemption is made, a reference will be made on the schedule to the relevant section or combinations of sections of legislation that apply to the decision.

### **Decision**

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

In this instance, I have recommended a full release of all documents that fall within the scope of your request.

### **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 ESDD. 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 Publication Policy**

Please be aware that under the ACT Government's "*Online FOI Publication Policy*" (the 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 the 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 Heather Johnston on 6207 1941.

Yours sincerely



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