

Our Reference: FOI-AC: 17-0018



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application received by Access Canberra on 16 February 2017 in which you sought access, under the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act), to documents relating to:

- all documents received by the ACT Government in exchange for the payment made to KPMG on 1st March 2016; and
- all reports, documents and information provided by KPMG to the ACT Government concerning 'Consulting services' and the results of these consultations in regards to the transaction that occurred on 1st March 2016.

I am the officer authorised under section 22 of the Act to make a decision in relation to your request.

Although the Act facilitates the objective of public access to documents, access could subject to a number of exemption provisions as set out by the Act. I have decided that some of the documents in your request are subject to the exemption set out by Section 41(1) of the Act relating to personal privacy.

Section 41(1) details that information may be exempt from release if disclosure under the Act would unreasonably release personal information. Therefore I have decided to redact the names of staff within KPMG who assisted the ACT Government in this scope of works. Please see the attached schedule detailing what will be released to you.

I have also assessed your request for information under the ACT Government's Online Freedom of Information Publication Policy and have determined that the documents relevant to your request, not including your original application **will** be published online. For more information about the ACT Government's Online Freedom of Information Publication Policy, visit the link below.

http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/open\_government/report/freedom\_of\_information\_online

You have the right to seek a review of the outcome under section 59 of the Act within 28 days from the date of this letter, or such other period as the Director-General permits. This right of review extends to a review of the adequacy of the search for documents undertaken by the Directorate. Requests for review should be submitted to the following address:

The Director-General
Chief Minister, Treasury, and Economic Development Directorate
C/- Freedom of Information Officer
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You also have the right to contact the Ombudsman regarding the processing of your request and you may contact the Ombudsman's Office at the following address:

The Ombudsman GPO Box 442 CANBERRA ACT 2601

If you have any queries concerning the Directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact Ash Balaretnaraja on 62075282.

Yours sincerely



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20 March 2017