



**ACT**  
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Chief Minister, Treasury and  
Economic Development

Our ref: CMTEDD 20/16-17

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Dear Mr Cooper-Stout

## **Decision on Freedom of Information Request – Kingston & Barton Residents Group**

I am writing in relation to your request for access to all correspondence received by the Chief Minister from the Kingston & Barton Residents Group Inc. (KBRG) since 1 January 2012, made under section 14 of the ACT *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act). Your request was received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 16 September 2016.

### **Decision Maker**

I am authorised under section 22 of the Act to make decisions on access to documents and liability for charges.

### **Charges**

I have decided, under section 29 of the Act, not to impose processing charges for this request.

### **Identification of Documents**

Officers of CMTEDD have searched electronic and paper records for documents in the possession of the Directorate that may relate to your request. The documents identified as relevant to your request are detailed in the attached schedule.

### **Consultation**

In my letter of 11 October 2016 I explained that I would provide my decision on access to documents after consultation with relevant third parties who may wish to contend that documents should be exempt from release. I have now received and considered submissions from these third parties.

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## **Decision on Access**

I have decided to partially release to you the identified documents, provided with this letter and described on the attached schedule. My reasons for not providing access to components of these documents are detailed in the following statement of reasons and in the attached schedule.

## **Exemptions claimed**

### Section 41 - Documents Affecting Personal Privacy

#### **Refers to folios:**

Section 41 of the Act provides:

- (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).*

I have decided to exempt from release, under section 41 (1) of the Act, components of documents that contain names, signatures, contact details and other personal information about individuals who are not ACT Government employees. I consider that release of the information in these documents is likely to identify these individuals and would be an unreasonable disclosure of personal information and a breach of privacy.

In making my decision to exempt this information, I have considered that removal of this personal information does not materially affect the remaining content.

## **Your Right of Review**

### Internal Review

Under section 59 (1) of the Act, you may request a review of my decision. You have 28 days after receiving notice of my decision to ask for a review, or a further period as allowed by the Director-General.

Your request should be addressed to:

Director-General  
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate  
GPO Box 158  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

### Complaints to the Ombudsman

Under section 54 of the Act, you may complain to the Ombudsman about administrative matters relating to the processing of your Freedom of Information request. There is no fee for making a complaint. The Ombudsman will conduct an independent investigation into your complaint.

You can contact the Ombudsman either by telephone on 1300 362 072 or in writing to:

The Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

**Online FOI Policy**

I have assessed your request for information under the ACT Government's Online Freedom of Information Publication Policy and have determined that my decision on your request and the information released will be published online. Personal information or business 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 online at: [http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0016/250333/FOI Web Release Policy - Final.pdf](http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0016/250333/FOI_Web_Release_Policy_-_Final.pdf)

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact me on (02) 6207 8207.

Yours sincerely



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Corporate Management

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