



Via email: [<foi+request-7742-959576fb@righttoknow.org.au>](mailto:foi+request-7742-959576fb@righttoknow.org.au)

17 September 2021

Dear Applicant

### **Decision on your access application**

I refer to your access application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016 (FOI Act)*, dated 28 August 2021, and received by the ACT Human Rights Commission on 30 August 2021.

This application requested access to:

*“documents under the Freedom of Information Act that are containing: instructions, notices, evidence to support, in regards to the wearing of face masks by your internal staff and public that was sent to you from either the State or Federal Authorities in 2021.”*

I note that, by email to Karen Toohey on 5 September 2021, you further clarified the scope of your request as seeking any documents:

*“related to evidence supporting government requirements for staff of your dept/org to wear masks at work.”*

The Commission has processed your application based on the above scope as you clarified it.

### *Authority*

I am an information officer for the ACT Human Rights Commission, appointed to make decisions about access to government information, in accordance with section 18 of the FOI Act.

### *Decision*

I have identified 13 documents containing information within the scope of your access application. These are outlined in the attached *Schedule of documents*.

I have decided to grant full access to all 13 documents.

### *Disclosure of information*

The documents are attached.

### *Disclosure log*

Please note that section 28 of the FOI Act requires publication of access applications and any information subsequently released on our disclosure log: <https://www.justice.act.gov.au/disclosure-log>

This means that if access to the information is granted, it will also be made publicly available on our website, unless the access application is an application for your personal, business, commercial, financial or professional information.

*Review rights*

You may apply to the ACT Ombudsman to review my decision under section 73 of the FOI Act.

An application for review must be made in writing within 20 days of my decision being published in the disclosure log, which I undertake to notify you of.

You may submit a request for review of my decision to the ACT Ombudsman by writing in one of the following ways:

Email (preferred): [actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au)

Post: The ACT Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

More information about ACT Ombudsman review is available on the ACT Ombudsman website at: <http://www.ombudsman.act.gov.au/improving-the-act/freedom-of-information>.

Yours sincerely



Dr Helen Watchirs OAM  
President and Human Rights  
Commissioner / FOI Information Officer