

### Principal Registrar and Chief Executive Officer

I am Shaun  
[foi+request-7975-e519b400@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-7975-e519b400@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Shaun

#### DECISION ON YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your Freedom of Information email, emailed to [jacsfoi@act.gov.au](mailto:jacsfoi@act.gov.au) on 18 October 2021. This request was referred to the ACT Courts and Tribunal on the same day and is being treated as application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act).

You specifically requested access to:

*"There is no ACT Legislation that reads/states (or similar):*

*"The law of the land is not common law"*

*Is there an Internal Policy or Directive or law or rule that makes the above (or similar) claim/statement?*

*If so, provide: a copy of the internal policy or directive or law or rule (or other) and the name of the qualified employee or assign (or other) and date."*

#### Authority

I am an information officer authorised to make decisions about access to information held by the ACT Courts and Tribunal, in accordance with section 18 of the FOI Act.

#### Decision

In regard to your request for law and rules, section 45 of the FOI Act provides that I can refuse to deal with parts of an application where the information is available on a public register. All ACT legislation and the Court Rules are publicly available on the Legislation Register which can be accessed at <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/>.

p (02) 6205 0000 | e [amanda.nuttall@courts.act.gov.au](mailto:amanda.nuttall@courts.act.gov.au)  
GPO Box 370, Canberra ACT 2601  
ACT Law Courts Building, 4-6 Knowles Place, Canberra ACT 2601

Under section 53 of the FOI Act, I confirm no information relevant to the scope is held by ACT Courts and Tribunal. I am not aware of any such policies or directives within the terms of your request. General information concerning ACT Courts, including law and practice, can be accessed at <https://www.courts.act.gov.au/>.

You may wish to seek legal advice about your matter. Information about legal services in the ACT is available from: [Find a lawyer - ACT Courts](#)

### **Online publishing – disclosure log**

Under section 28 of the Act, JACS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your access application, my decision and documents released to you in response to your access application will be published on the JACS disclosure log no later than 10 days after the decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

You may view the JACS' disclosure log at: <https://www.justice.act.gov.au/disclosure-log>

### **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 from the day that my decision is published on the JACS disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision 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)

The review of decision application form is available at:

[https://www.ombudsman.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0026/79190/Apply-for-Ombudsman-review.pdf](https://www.ombudsman.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0026/79190/Apply-for-Ombudsman-review.pdf)

### **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  
Level 4, 1 Moore St  
GPO Box 370  
Canberra City ACT 2601  
Ph: (02) 6207 1740

<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Amanda Nuttall', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Amanda Nuttall  
Principal Registrar and Chief Executive Officer

8 November 2021