



Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Submission confirmation

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Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD)

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Applicant information

☐ I want to submit this request anonymously

Assistance

Do you need assistance with preparing your request?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Do you need an interpreter?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Applicant details

Title	First name*	Last name

Chosen name

Business/Organisation

Contact details

Please provide at least one method of contact. We use this information to confirm details of the request and deliver information to you once your request is completed.

Phone number

Email address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Suburb

State

Postcode

Help us direct your request

The following information helps us send your request to the most appropriate team who will coordinate and respond to your request.

What type of information are you requesting? *

There are two types of information commonly asked for: personal information and non-personal or general information.

- Personal information refers to your own or another's personal affairs. If you wish to access personal information, you will need to provide proof of identity.

- Non-personal or general information is all the information held by government about how the government undertakes its functions and roles.

- ☐ Personal information
- ☒ Non-personal (General) information

What do you know about the information you are requesting?*

- ☒ I know the Directorate or agency
- ☐ I know the topic
- ☐ I am not sure

Directorate or agency*

- ☐ Canberra Health Services
- ☐ Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
- ☐ City and Environment Directorate
- ☐ Digital Canberra
- ☐ Education Directorate
- ☐ Health and Community Services Directorate
- ☐ Infrastructure Canberra
- ☐ Justice and Community Safety Directorate
- ☒ Multiple Directorate request

Request for

To help us process your request:

- Include enough detail in your application so we can identify what government information you want.
- As an alternative to using fields within the form, you may choose to attach documents or audio recordings.
- You may wish to include a statement on how the release of this information is in the public interest.

Scope of your request

What information are you requesting access to?*

Freedom of Information Request
Freedom of Information Act 2016 (ACT)
To: FOI Officer
Applicant: Mr Peter Cain MLA
Date: 21st of May 2026

Scope of Request

This application is being made pursuant to section 30 of the FOI Act.

I seek access to documents relating to the ACT Government's knowledge, advice, and internal position regarding the future of the Big Splash water park prior to and immediately following public statements made by Yvette Berry on 19 February 2026 at the "Save Big Splash Community Meeting" at the Labor Club, Belconnen.

This request specifically targets documents that informed, contradicted, or contextualised those public statements.

Date range: 1 January 2026 to the date of this application

Documents Requested

Please provide all documents (including drafts and attachments) held by Minister Berry, her office, or relevant directorates, including but not limited to:

1. Ministerial Briefings and Advice

All briefs, emails, reports, file notes, and advice provided to the Minister concerning:

- The operational viability of Big Splash
- Likelihood of reopening as a water park
- Compliance with Crown lease conditions
- Enforcement options, including lease termination
- Any consideration of demolition, partial retention, or redevelopment

2. Communications

All communications to, from, or copying Minister Berry or her office that include the terms:

"Big Splash", "Macquarie water park", "Block 1 Section 53", "waterslides", "demolition", "lease breach", or "redevelopment"

This includes:

- Emails
- SMS and messaging platforms (including WhatsApp, Signal, Teams, etc.)
- Internal messaging systems
- Attachments and embedded documents

3. Pre-19 February Knowledge

Any document created by her or her office, or documents she has been supplied with, from before 19 February 2026 that:

- Assesses or forecasts that Big Splash would not reopen in its existing form
- Identifies demolition or redevelopment as a likely or preferred outcome
- Raises concerns about viability, safety, compliance, or financial sustainability

4. Speech, Media and Messaging Material

All drafts and final versions of:

- Talking points
- Speech notes
- Q&A briefs
- Media lines

Prepared for or used by Minister Berry in relation to:

- The 19 February 2026 community meeting
- Public commentary on the future of Big Splash

5. External and Inter-Agency Communications

All correspondence between the Minister or her office and:

- Access Canberra
- The Territory Planning Authority
- The leaseholder or their representatives
- Other Ministers or their offices

Relating to:

- Lease enforcement or non-compliance
- Regulatory decisions
- Demolition or redevelopment pathways

Search Requirements

To ensure completeness, please confirm in writing:

- The systems searched (including email servers, document management systems, and messaging platforms)
- The search terms used
- The date ranges applied
- Any repositories or accounts excluded, and the reasons

Form of Access

Documents are to be provided in full, unredacted form where possible. If any material is withheld or redacted, please:

- Specify the exact exemption relied upon under the Act
- Provide a detailed schedule describing each document, its date, author, and subject matter
- Release all reasonably separable material as required under the Act

Public Interest

This request is made to assess whether public statements made to the Canberra community were consistent with the information and advice available to Government at the time.

Attach additional documents to support your application

Submit application

Timeframes

The Directorate responsible for your application must:

- inform you in writing within 10 working days that it has received your application
- communicate to you about any difficulties/ delays in processing your request
- provide you with a decision on access to the information within 30 working days or less

Requests may take longer than 30 days in situations where an extension has been granted.

If the Directorate must consult a third party, the deadline for providing a decision is extended by 15 working days. The Directorate will notify you if consultation is required.

After you submit your request, the information you supply will be provided to:

- **Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate**
- **cmteddFOI@act.gov.au**