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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information Application - Reference 25-085

I refer to your application made under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the FOI Act) received by the City and Environment Directorate (CED) via transfer from Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD).

In your application, you have sought access to:

"On 10 October 2024 the Chief Minister is an email response to me advised of inter alia: "A Safe Systems Assessment of Cowper Street, (Ainslie) which was consider safety improvements for all road users, including pedestrians. City Services are also conducting a survey to assess the current traffic flow of vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists on Cowper, Bonney and Angas Streets" I would appreciate receiving a copy of the Safe Systems Assessment of Cowper Street and the survey results for traffic flow on Cowper, Bonney and Angas Streets".

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the FOI Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the FOI Act, CED is required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 working days. As this matter required third party consultation, the decision due date was extended by 15 working days, in accordance with section 40(2) of the Act. Therefore, a decision on your access application must be made on or by **1 December 2025**.

Decision on Access

Searches of CED records have identified one document within the scope of your application.

I have decided to provide you with **partial access** to this document.

Additional Information

Further information regarding survey results can be requested from Roads ACT for a service fee. Infrastructure, roads and public transport administrative fees can be found [here](#).

If you require further information regarding survey results relevant to your request, please send an email to Edward.Meredith@act.gov.au with the details of your request and he will guide you through the process.

The document identified as relevant to your application is listed in the schedule at Attachment A. The schedule provides a description of the document that falls within the scope of your application and the access decision for this document. The information being released to you is provided at Attachment B.

The reasons for my decision are detailed in the statement of reasons section below.

Statement of reasons

In considering your application, I have taken the following into account:

- the FOI Act
- the contents of the documents within the scope of your application
- the views of the third party consulted
- the *Human Rights Act 2004*
- the *Freedom of Information (Volume 4 – Considering the public interest) Guidelines 2023* (Notifiable Instrument NI2023-751).

The FOI Act has a pro disclosure bias, which requires information to be disclosed unless doing so would be contrary to the public interest. As an Information Officer, I must decide where, on balance, public interest lies in the disclosure of government information. Section 17(1) of the Act sets out the steps for completing the public interest test. As part of this process, I must identify all relevant factors in schedule 1 of the FOI Act. If no factor in schedule 1 is found relevant, I must then consider the factors listed in schedule 2 of the FOI Act and determine, on balance, where the public interest lies.

In making my decision, I also confirm that I have not considered any of the factors listed in section 17(2) of the FOI Act which contains a list of factors which must not be taken into consideration.

Schedule 1

No information within the document is information contrary to the public interest under schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

Schedule 2

Factors favouring disclosure (Section 2.1)

- Schedule 2, section 2.1(a)(i) – disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability.
- Schedule 2, section 2.1(a)(viii) – disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision

- Schedule 2, section 2.1(a)(xi) – reveal environmental or health risks or measures relating to public health and safety.

Factors favouring non-disclosure (Section 2.2)

- Schedule 2, section 2.2 (a)(ii) – disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to prejudice the protection of an individual’s right to privacy or any other right under the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Personal information:

The document contains the personal information of R D Gossip Pty Ltd employees including names and contact details. I agree with the third party’s objection to disclosure of this information.

I consider that the factors favouring disclosure can be satisfied, as the redaction of names are minor in nature and do not devalue the information in the public interest to disclose. and.

Charges

No charges are applicable to your application as the number of pages released to you are within the fee free threshold.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, CED maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log.

Your original access application, this decision and documents released to you (with redactions to your personal information) will be published on the [CED 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 an Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in CED’s 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:

ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82 on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
www.acat.act.gov.au

If you have any queries concerning the directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the CED FOI team on (02) 6207 2987 or email to CEDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'LJ', written in a cursive style.

Lisa Johnson
Information Officer
City and Environment Directorate
1 December 2025