



ACT
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City and Environment

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Our ref: CED FOI 25-161

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information – Notice of Decision

I refer to your application under section 30 of the Freedom of Information Act 2016 (the FOI Act), received by the City and Environment Directorate (CED) on 11 December 2025.

Specifically, you are seeking access to the following information:

- *“This request covers the period from 11 December 2020 up to and including 10 December 2025. Please provide information detailing all enforcement actions and formal investigations taken by the ACT Government in response to alleged or actual breaches of the Australian Code for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes (Code).*
- *For the purpose of this request, "enforcement action" and "formal investigation" includes:*
 - *The issuance of infringement notices, penalty notices, or formal warnings.*
 - *The commencement of prosecutions.*
 - *The suspension, cancellation, or refusal to renew of any animal use licenses, accreditations, or registrations for individuals or institutions.*
 - *The issuance of statutory directions or compliance notices.*
 - *Any formal internal government decision to commence a disciplinary or compliance investigation based on a suspected breach of the Code.*
- *For each enforcement action and investigation within scope, please provide the following non-personally identifiable data (where documentation permits):*
 - *Financial year*
 - *Description of alleged or actual breach*
 - *Type of entity*
 - *Description of alleged or actual breach of the Code*
 - *Nature of action taken*
 - *Outcome of action*

- *I understand that the disclosure of identifying details (names of individuals or institutions) may be exempted, and I do not seek this information. I am only requesting information about the Government's enforcement activity. I do not seek access to precise duplicates of any document. If a document is claimed to be exempt or irrelevant in part, I seek access to a redacted version of the document".*

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. Therefore, a decision is due on or by **29 January 2026**.

Authority

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

Decision on access

A search for CED records has been completed and no records within the scope of your application have been identified.

In accordance with section 34 of the FOI Act, reasonable steps have been taken to locate the government information requested. This included searches of CED's electronic document and record management system, communication software and customer relationship management systems using key terms and the timeframe relevant to your application.

Following searches conducted by relevant business units, it has been determined under section 35(1)(b) of the FOI Act that the information is not held by CED.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this application as no records are being released to you.

Online publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, CED maintains a disclosure log, which is a public record of access applications and decisions. Your original access application and my decision will be published on the CED disclosure log. Your personal contact details will not be published.

ACT Ombudsman Review

My decision on your access application is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI Act. You have the right to seek ACT Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the FOI Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is provided to you, or a longer period allowed by the ACT Ombudsman. If you wish to request a review of my decision, you may write to the ACT Ombudsman at:

The 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 FOI 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
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<https://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Please contact the CED Information Access team if you have any queries in relation to your application via 6207 2987 or CEDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Jodie Vaile
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City and Environment Directorate
27 January 2026