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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 26 February 2026. Your application was received by partial transfer from Infrastructure Canberra. It is my understanding that you have sought access to the following information:

“Documents relating to a decision that contracting AECOM to prepare the EIS for Light Rail Stage 2B meets the requirements of the Scoping document issued 4 March 2024 which states that: “The Authority requires that the proponent engage a suitably qualified independent consultant to prepare an EIS, OR the proponent submits, with the draft EIS, an independent review of the draft EIS undertaken by a suitably qualified consultant. The proponent in this case is Major Projects Canberra. AECOM is not an independent consultant, being in receipt of a large contract to support the development of this project. No independent review has been undertaken”.

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 15 April 2026.

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of CED 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 records held by CED has been completed and no information relevant to your application was identified.

Although CED was involved in preparing the Light Rail Stage 2B Scoping Document, the environmental impact statement (EIS) was prepared by AECOM on behalf of Major Projects Canberra (now Infrastructure Canberra). CED was not involved in engaging AECOM for the EIS preparation and, as such, holds no documents relevant to your application.

In accordance with section 34 of the FOI Act, I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken by CED to locate the government information within the scope of your application.

The Statutory Planning team within CED has advised that the EIS process for the Light Rail Stage 2B project is still underway. Accordingly, the Territory Planning Authority has not yet determined whether the EIS meets the requirements of the approved scoping document. This assessment will occur once the final EIS has been submitted.

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 the ACT Ombudsman's 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 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

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

Signed electronically

Adam Roach
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City and Environment Directorate
15 April 2026