



ACT
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City and Environment

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Our ref: CED FOI 26-128

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information – Notice of decision

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act) received by the City and Environment Directorate (CED). Your application was initially received as incomplete on 15 May 2026. Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing you with assistance to complete your application. I thank you for engaging with our office on 29 June 2026 to provide the following description of the information you are seeking to access, thereby completing your application:

- *The following records dated during calendar years 2024, 2025, and 2026: All documents, major drafts and/or emails addressing, analysing, or suggesting potential or suggested regulatory reforms that would relax the rules around the use of insects and insect larvae in organic waste management (including the relaxation of compliance obligations on companies using insects for organic waste management). All emails with the subject theme of regulations and compliance obligations on using insects (black soldier fly larvae) in commercial organic waste management between the ACT Environmental Protection Authority employees and any of the following organisations: Goterra, FlyFarm, Insect Protein Association of Australia.*
- *The name of the Authority or Authorities: The ACT Environmental Protection Authority.*
- *Theme = regulations and compliance obligations on using insects (black soldier fly larvae) in commercial organic waste management.*
- *Relevance of drafts: Major drafts = yes / Minor drafts = no / Duplicates = no*
- *Timeframe: calendar years 2024, 2025 and 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.

Timeframe for decision

In accordance with section 40 of the FOI Act, a decision is required to be made on your access application within 30 working days of receipt. Therefore, a decision is due by 10 August 2026.

Decision on access

A search of records held by CED has been completed, with no information relevant to your application being identified. Efforts to identify relevant information included undertaking searches across multiple records management and communication systems, and consulting with relevant staff. I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to locate the information requested. Accordingly, pursuant to section 35(1)(b) of the FOI Act, I have determined that the information you have requested is not held by CED.

Charges

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

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 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 date 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

(signed electronically)

Craig Weller
Information Officer
City and Environment Directorate

10 August 2026