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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Application - Reference 25-057**

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 Infrastructure Canberra.

In your application, you have sought access to:

*"In regards to the "mobile phone detection cameras" that are installed on top of the electronic sign southbound on Gungahlin Drive in Mitchell..."*

1. *What date did they become active?*
2. *In the 12mths preceding (1)*
  - a. *How many vehicle accidents occurred on the southbound lanes between Wells Station Drive and the Barton Highway?*
    - i. *How many of those accidents resulted in injury?*
    - ii. *How many of those accidents resulted in death?*
  - b. *How many vehicle accidents occurred on the northbound lanes between the Barton Highway and Wells Station Drive?*
    - i. *How many of those accidents resulted in injury?*
    - ii. *How many of those accidents resulted in death?*
3. *In the 12mths following (1)*
  - a. *How many vehicle accidents occurred on the southbound lanes between Wells Station Drive and the Barton Highway?*
    - i. *How many of those accidents resulted in injury?*
    - ii. *How many of those accidents resulted in death?*
  - b. *How many vehicle accidents occurred on the northbound lanes between Wells Station Drive and the Barton Highway?*
    - i. *How many of those accidents resulted in injury?*
    - ii. *How many of those accidents resulted in death?*
4. *What is the total dollar amount of fines issued to motorists arising from these "mobile phone detection cameras" since (1)?*
  - a. *How much of this has been spent on improving road safety?*
  - b. *How much of this has been spent on improving road infrastructure?*
  - c. *What else has the money been spent on? (provide a breakdown)"*

## 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, a decision on your access application must be made on or by **9 October 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 **full access** to one document.

I have decided to refuse to deal with part of your application under sections 43(1)(d) and 45(a) of the Act.

Under section 43(1)(d) of the Act, a respondent may refuse to deal with an application wholly or in part only if the government information is already available to the applicant. Section 45 sets out those circumstances in which government information is already available to the applicant. Those circumstances include where the government information is publicly available (section 45(a)).

The statistical information you are seeking relating to accidents and infringements on Gungahlin Drive can be found via the [Open Data Portal](#) online. The following data portals may be of particular interest to you regarding your request:

[ACT Road Crash Data portal](#) – provides information regarding vehicle accidents including location, severity, direction, date and time.

[Traffic and Camera Offences and Fines data portal](#) – provides information regarding offences detected, infringement count and the sum of penalty amount.

[Mobile Distraction – fixed and transportable camera locations data portal](#) – can assist in identifying the specific location of the mobile phone detection camera in question.

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 that 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.

The document provided to you contains information regarding the offences detected, infringements issued, and the dollar amounts payable as a result from this camera since its active date (location code 5001). This information was retrieved from the [Traffic and Camera Offences and Fines data portal](#).

## Additional Information

In addition to the document being released to you, I provide the following information to address the questions asked in your application or to provide further context:

- In relation to when the camera in question became active:
  - 3 November 2025 – the warning period commenced.

- 20 February 2024 – the camera became officially active with infringement notices issued.
- In relation to the total dollar amount of fines issued arising from this camera since its active date:
  - Between 20 February 2024 and 28 August 2025, there have been 19,965 offences detected by this camera with issued infringement notices totalling \$12,948,642.
  - Please note, this information is subject to vary given the adjudication period of 7-14 days and infringements may be waived or disputed.
  - Some penalty amounts will be the initial amount, and some will be the final amount. This is more common in newer data, for example where a business has not yet passed the infringement over to an individual.
  - This information was retrieved from the [Traffic and Camera Offences and Fines data portal](#).
- In relation to where infringement revenue has been spent:
  - Revenue collected from mobile phone detection cameras goes into ACT Government consolidated revenue. As such, there is no direct way to determine how these funds specifically are spent.
  - For an approximate indication of where the Territory has budgeted to spend funds on 2025-26, please refer to the [2025-26 Budget at a Glance](#).

### 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
- information already publicly available
- 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 was identified as 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)(ii) – disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest.

#### Factors favouring non-disclosure (Section 2.2)

No factors favouring the nondisclosure were identified.

I am satisfied that these factors favouring disclosure have been given full consideration and no factors favouring the nondisclosure were identified.

#### **Charges**

Processing charges are applicable for this request as the total number of pages released to you exceeds the fee-free threshold of 50 pages. However, the charges have been **waived** under section 107(b) of the Act.

#### **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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:CEDFOI@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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