



ACT
Government

Suburban Land
Agency

9 June 2026
SLA FOI 26-006

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the FOI Act), received by the Suburban Land Agency (SLA) on 23 April 2026. It is my understanding you are seeking access to the following information:

A list of average and median tender prices for the following open tenders for consultants:

- *West Belconnen Green Waste Facility tender no PISL0010295, closed 02 September 2025.*
- *Coombs Pedestrian Bridge tender no PISL0010098, closed 11 December 2025.*
- *Demolition Fyshwick & Kingston tender no PISL0007561, closed 07 August 2025.*
- *Lawson 2B & PRV tender no PISL0007140, closed 12 December 2024.*
- *Whitlam Road 53 PISL0007369, closed 12 December 2024.*

I thank you for providing the following context in your application:

The basis for this request is supported by Ombudsman Decision AFOI.RR.24.80009.

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the FOI Act, SLA is required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 working days. Choose an item. Therefore, a decision is due on or by **9 June 2026**.

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Suburban Land Agency 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 information within the scope of your application held by SLA has been completed. One record, comprising collated tender pricing information, has been created. The record is listed in the schedule at **Attachment A**.

I have decided to grant **full** access to this record.

The reasons for my decision are detailed in the *Statement of reasons* section below. The record being released to you is provided at **Attachment B**.

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional Custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

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Statement of reasons

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 am responsible for determining whether disclosure of the information within the scope of your application would be contrary to the public interest.

My assessment begins with Schedule 1 of the FOI Act, which outlines categories of information that are taken to be contrary to the public interest to disclose. If the information does not fall within any of these categories, I must then apply the public interest test under section 17 of the FOI Act. This test involves weighing the factors favouring disclosure against those favouring nondisclosure, as set out in Schedule 2.

In reaching my access decisions, I have taken the following into account:

- the FOI Act
- the information that falls within the scope of your application
- the ACT Ombudsman FOI Guidelines
- ACT Ombudsman review AFOI.RR.24.80009.

I confirm that I have not considered any of the factors listed in section 17(2) of the FOI Act, which outlines a list of considerations that must not be taken into account when applying the public interest test.

Schedule 1 – Information taken to be contrary to the public interest

- *No relevant sections identified.*

Schedule 2 – Public interest test

Factors favouring disclosure (Schedule 2.1)

- *Section 2.1(a)(i) - promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability.*
- *Section 2.1(a)(ii) - contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest.*
- *Section 2.1(a)(iv) - ensure effective oversight of expenditure of public funds.*
- *Section 2.1(a)(viii) - reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision.*

In reviewing the information within the scope of your application, I consider that disclosure promotes open discussion of public affairs and contributes to positive and informed debate, particularly in relation to the expenditure of public funds. I also consider that disclosure enhances government accountability, as it provides transparency regarding processes followed by government and contextual information relating to decision-making. I have placed significant weight on these factors.

Factors favouring nondisclosure (Schedule 2.2)

- *No relevant factors have been identified.*

I have carefully considered the public interest in promoting open discussion and informed public debate. I acknowledge that disclosure of certain information advances these interests, particularly where it relates to the government's operations, expenditure and the context surrounding government decisions.

I have considered the findings of ACT Ombudsman review AFOI.RR.24.80009, in which it was concluded that it is in the public interest to disclose average and median tender prices in circumstances where there are greater than three tenderers. This situation applies to the procurement activities to which your application relates.

Having applied the public interest test outlined in section 17 of the FOI Act, I have concluded that the information contained in the records is in the public interest to disclose. Accordingly, I have decided to grant you full access to the record.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this application because the number of pages released to you is below the charging threshold of 50 pages.

Online publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, SLA 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

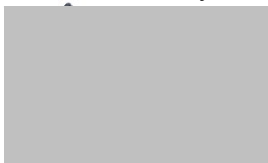
ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) Review

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/>

Should you have any queries in relation to your application please contact the City and Environment Directorate Information Access Team on 6207 2987 or CEDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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