

ATTACHMENT A – ACCESS APPLICATION SCHEDULE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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File No.	Application Scope:
25-039	<i>"...I seek access to documents relating to the ACT Government's knowledge, advice, and internal position regarding the future of the Big Splash water park prior to and immediately following public statements made by Yvette Berry on 19 February 2026 at the "Save Big Splash Community Meeting" at the Labor Club, Belconnen.</i> <i>This request specifically targets documents that informed, contradicted, or contextualised those public statements.</i> Date range: 1 January 2026 to the date of this application (21 May 2026) Documents Requested <i>Please provide all documents (including drafts and attachments) held by Minister Berry, her office, or relevant directorates, including but not limited to:</i> 1. Ministerial Briefings and Advice <i>All briefs, emails, reports, file notes, and advice provided to the Minister concerning:</i> <i>The operational viability of Big Splash</i> <i>Likelihood of reopening as a water park</i> <i>Compliance with Crown lease conditions</i> <i>Enforcement options, including lease termination</i> <i>Any consideration of demolition, partial retention, or redevelopment</i> 2. Communications <i>All communications to, from, or copying Minister Berry or her office that include the terms:</i> <i>"Big Splash", "Macquarie water park", "Block 1 Section 53", "waterslides", "demolition", "lease breach", or "redevelopment"</i> <i>This includes:</i> <i>Emails</i> <i>SMS and messaging platforms (including WhatsApp, Signal, Teams, etc.)</i> <i>Internal messaging systems</i> <i>Attachments and embedded documents</i>

3. Pre-19 February Knowledge

Any document created by her or her office, or documents she has been supplied with, from before 19 February 2026 that:

- *Assesses or forecasts that Big Splash would not reopen in its existing form*
- *Identifies demolition or redevelopment as a likely or preferred outcome*
- *Raises concerns about viability, safety, compliance, or financial sustainability*

4. Speech, Media and Messaging Material

All drafts and final versions of:

- *Talking points*
- *Speech notes*
- *Q&A briefs*
- *Media lines*

Prepared for or used by Minister Berry in relation to:

- *The 19 February 2026 community meeting*
- *Public commentary on the future of Big Splash*

5. External and Inter-Agency Communications

All correspondence between the Minister or her office and:

- *Access Canberra*
- *The Territory Planning Authority*
- *The leaseholder or their representatives*
- *Other Ministers or their offices*

Relating to:

- *Lease enforcement or non-compliance*
- *Regulatory decisions*
- *Demolition or redevelopment pathways..”*

Reason for nondisclosure:

Schedule 1, 1.2 – Legal Professional Privilege

Schedule 1, 1.6 – Cabinet information

Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii) – prejudice the protection of an individual’s right to privacy or any other right under the [Human Rights Act 2004](#)

Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(xi) – prejudice trade secrets, business affairs or research of an agency or person.

Ref No	Page Numbers	Description	Date	Status	Reason for nondisclosure or deferral	Open Access release status
1	1-4	Email to Steel office - CC CMO - Access Canberra media statement on Big Splash - Friday 24 April	24/04/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
2	5-10	Email to Steel Office - CC CMO - Response for Region Media and interview with ABC Radio - Tuesday 20 January	20/01/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
3	11-13	The Loop email chain for ABC Talkback with Minister Berry - Friday 6 March 2026	06/03/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii) Out of scope information redacted	Yes
4	14-18	20260112 - #50 DG's Weekly Report to the CM – 12 January 2026	12/01/2026	Full access	Out of scope information redacted	Yes
5	19-21	20260112 - FW_ INPUT (due 20 Jan)_ QON 777 - Big Splash redevelopment	12/01/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii) Out of scope	Yes
6	22-25	20260112 - Media for tomorrow - TPs	12/01/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii) Out of scope information redacted	Yes
7	26-27	20260112 - RE_ INPUT (due 20 Jan)_ QON 777 - Big Splash redevelopment	12/01/2026	Full access	-	Yes
8	28	20260112 - RE_ Urgent dot point request	12/01/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii) Out of scope information redacted	Yes
9	29-30	20260119 - FW_ Big splash	19/01/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
10	31-32	20260119 - FW_ Update_ Big Splash	19/01/2026	Full access	-	Yes
11	33	20260120 - RE_ FOR REVIEW_ QON 777 - Big Splash Pool Redevelopment	20/01/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
12	34-37	20260127 - RE_ Belconnen Community Council – Big Splash (sports)	27/01/2026	Full access	-	Yes
13	38	20260128 - FW_ Big Splash Aquatic Park	28/01/2026	Full access	-	Yes
14	39-40	20260128 - RE_ Big Splash Meeting	28/01/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
15	41-42	20260129 - Re_ Big Splash Lease	29/01/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
16	43-44	20260206 - RE_ Save Big Splash Community Meeting	06/02/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
17	45-46	20260212 - FW_ Input_ Talking points - Big Splash	12/02/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes

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18	47-50	20260213 - Meeting Pack - Minister Berry - Community and Affordable Housing Meeting - Monday 16 Feb 26 - 4-4_30	13/02/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii) Out of scope information redacted	Yes
19	51-53	20260217 - RE_ Talking points - Big Splash	17/02/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
20	54-60	20260220 - FW_ Fire at big splash (Email from member of the public)	20/02/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
21	61-63	20260303 - FW_ Big Splash next step (Email from member of the public)	03/03/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
22	64-66	20260407 - RE_ Update_ Big Splash	07/04/2026	Full access	-	Yes
23	67-69	20260408 - Fw_ Big Splash movements on site	08/04/2026	Full access	-	Yes
24	70-71	20260408 - FW_ Works Update – Block 1 Section 53 Macquarie (Big Splash Site)	08/04/2026	Full access	-	Yes
25	72	20260409 - FW_ Big Slash demolish team there now	09/04/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
26	73-78	20260413 - FW_ Canberra Southern Cross Club - Briefing Note	13/04/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii) Sch 2, 2.2(a)(xi)	Yes
27	79-91	20260429 - FW_ Copy - Access Canberra Big Splash brief	29/04/2026	Partial access	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii) Sch 1 1.2	Yes
28	92	Screenshot 2026-06-02 181657	13/04/2026	Full access	-	Yes
29		Document 1 (Cabinet Documents)		Refused	Sch 1 1.6	No
Total No of records: 29						