



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 5 May 2026. It is my understanding you sought access to the following information:

Any Correspondence between JWLAND, the ACT Government and any other party regarding the design approval process and amendments of DA: 202037894.

I thank you for engaging with our office on 31 July 2026 to clarify the scope of your application, in which you amended the scope of your application as follows:

I'm looking for anything relating to:

- *Height of the building*
- *Height of rooftop plant and screening*
- *The 2 attached documents from the DA (Architectural site plan and response to entity advice)*
- *Noise from rooftop plant*

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. Under section 41 of the FOI Act, you agreed an additional amount of time to decide your application. Therefore, a decision is due on or by **24 August 2026**.

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of the City and Environment Directorate 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 19 records within the scope of your application have been identified. The records are listed in the schedule at **Attachment A**.

I have decided to:

- grant **full** access to five records.
- grant **partial** access to 14 records.

The reasons for my decision are detailed in the *statement of reasons* section below. The records being released to you are provided at **Attachment B** with redactions applied to any information contrary to the public interest to release.

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
- your views regarding the public interest
- the views of third parties consulted
- the *Human Rights Act 2004*

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.*

In reviewing the information within the scope of your application, I consider that disclosure promotes open discussion of public affairs and enhances government's accountability generally. I have placed significant weight on this factor.

Factors favouring nondisclosure (Schedule 2.2)

- *Section 2.2(a)(ii) - prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the Human Rights Act 2004.*

Some of the records relevant to your application contains the personal information of individuals including names, internal floor layouts and contact details. I have considered that this information is not readily available to the public and has not otherwise been disclosed by CED. I further consider that this information has come to be held by CED with the expectation that it is handled in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2014*.

It is my view that this information if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy under section 12 of the *Human Rights Act 2004*. I have placed substantial weight on this factor.

Having applied the public interest test outlined in section 17 of the FOI Act, I have concluded that some information contained in the records is not in the public interest to disclose. Accordingly, I have redacted this specific information under section 50(2) of the FOI Act.

Charges

Processing charges are applicable for this application because the total number of pages to be released to you exceeds the charging threshold of 50 pages. However, I have decided not to impose a fee in response to your application.

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 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/>

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

Helen Stoddart
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City and Environment Directorate
21 August 2026