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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COVERSHEET

The following information is provided pursuant to section 28 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

FOI reference: TCCSFOI 2019 - 081

Information to be published	Status
1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice and schedule	Published
3. Documents	Published
4. Additional information identified	No
5. Fees	n/a
6. Processing time (in working days)	22 days
7. Decision made by Ombudsman	n/a
8. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	n/a
9. Decision made by ACAT	n/a
10. Additional information identified by ACAT	n/a

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 August 2019 1:21 PM  
**To:** TCCS\_FreedomOfInformation  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI Request - Dunlop shops

Good afternoon

I write to request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* documents regarding shopping centre upgrades planned for Dunlop shops and surrounds.

Documents may include but are not limited to correspondence from MLAs, plans, upgrades priority lists, budgets and proposals.

I limit my request to all documents created since 1 January 2018. I also agree to exclude duplicate documents.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
ACT Legislative Assembly

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E: [REDACTED]



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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of information request: Reference – 19-081**

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the FOI Act), received by Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS) on 14 August 2019, in which you sought access to:

- all documents regarding shopping centre upgrades planned for Dunlop shops and surrounds;

You limited your request to documents created since 1 January 2018.

TCCS was required to provide a decision on your access application by 11 September 2019. Thank you for agreeing to an extension to 19 September 2019.

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 FOI Act.

**Decision on access**

Three documents were identified that fall within the scope of your request. The decision to upgrade Dunlop shops as part of the local shops minor upgrades program was a budget decision.

Work in TCCS to plan and design the upgrade is about to commence as was announced in Minister Steel's media release of 6 September 2019. For your convenience I have included a copy of the media release. As the work has not yet commenced, documentation has not yet been created.

I have decided to provide full access to the documents identified although one of the documents was, at the time it was created, cabinet-in-confidence having been created in relation to the 2019-2020 budget. The information contained in the document has now been publicly announced.

**Reason for decision**

In making my decision I considered the following factors:

### Factors favouring disclosure (Schedule 2.1 (a))

- (i) promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability;
- (viii) reveal the reasons for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision; and
- (iv) ensure effective oversight of expenditure of public funds.

### **Online publishing – disclosure log**

Under section 28 of the Act, TCCS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents will be published in the TCCS disclosure log from 3 days after the date of this decision. Your personal details will not be published.

You may view TCCS' disclosure log at [www.tccs.act.gov.au/about-us/freedom\\_of\\_information](http://www.tccs.act.gov.au/about-us/freedom_of_information).

### **Ombudsman review**

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the FOI Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in the TCCS 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:

The ACT Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Via email: [ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:ombudsman@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  
Level 4, 1 Moore Street  
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 directorate's FOI Coordinator on 6205 5408 or email [tccs.foi@act.gov.au](mailto:tccs.foi@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Cherie Hughes  
Information Officer  
13 September 2019

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**From:** Kennedy, Karen on behalf of TCCS\_DLO  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 July 2019 3:44 PM  
**To:** Bourne, Sarah  
**Subject:** FW: BIF feedback [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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Hi Sarah,

This is what I was thinking of.

Does this help or is it another request.

Thanks  
KK

Karen Kennedy | Directorate Liaison Officer  
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**From:** Jordan, Craig <[Craig.Jordan@act.gov.au](mailto:Craig.Jordan@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 March 2019 5:44 PM  
**To:** Kennedy, Karen <[Karen.Kennedy@act.gov.au](mailto:Karen.Kennedy@act.gov.au)>; Thomas, Emma <[Emma.Thomas@act.gov.au](mailto:Emma.Thomas@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Re: BIF feedback [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Thanks Karen. Will make the appropriate adjustments.

Craig

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**From:** Kennedy, Karen <[karen.kennedy@act.gov.au](mailto:karen.kennedy@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 4:41 pm  
**To:** Thomas, Emma; Jordan, Craig  
**Subject:** FW: BIF feedback [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hi Emma,

Please see Martins comments below regarding BIF.

Thank you  
KK

Karen Kennedy | Directorate Liaison Officer  
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Office of Minister Fitzharris MLA (Transport)  
Office of Minister Steel MLA (City Services)  
Office of Minister Berry MLA (Sportsgrounds)

**From:** Greenwood, Martin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 March 2019 3:57 PM  
**To:** Kennedy, Karen <[Karen.Kennedy@act.gov.au](mailto:Karen.Kennedy@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: BIF feedback [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hi KK

We need a line in there around 'local shops minor upgrades' it needs to specifically include:

Dunlop shops

- Shade sails
- Formalise the desire lines
- Community notice board

Flexibility for similar improvements across 5 shopping centres

I'm meeting with Vanessa tomorrow to discuss the BIF allocations.

Thanks

Martin

**From:** Kennedy, Karen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 March 2019 3:29 PM  
**To:** Greenwood, Martin <[Martin.Greenwood@act.gov.au](mailto:Martin.Greenwood@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** BIF feedback [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hi Martin,

TCCS have asked that I follow up on the MO feedback for BIF please.

Thank you  
KK

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**From:** Bourne, Sarah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 July 2019 4:05 PM  
**To:** Breckwoldt, Anne  
**Subject:** RE: Dunlop Shops\_Local Centre Improvements\_2019-20  
**Attachments:** FW: BIF feedback [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

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Hi Anne – Please see attached email. The request came out of BIF negotiations.

In the first instance I would speak to someone in Finance.

S

**From:** Breckwoldt, Anne <Anne.Breckwoldt@act.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 July 2019 1:53 PM  
**To:** Bourne, Sarah <Sarah.Bourne@act.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Dunlop Shops\_Local Centre Improvements\_2019-20

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Hi Sarah

The 2019-20 Budget Paper appropriated funds to improve public infrastructure at two local shopping centres, Fraser and Dunlop. Brian Bathgate, City Services (the client business unit for this upgrade project) advised that a request for shade sails & notice board for Dunlop came through the Minister's office via James Koval. I asked around and no one I asked seems to know any more than this - including Jeremy.

I am keen to find the relevant contact for two reasons:

1. Clarification of what was meant by 'notice board'; or was a shops identifier signage intended. Different scope, requirements and cost for each option.
2. A location for the above will need to be decided in consultation with the leaseholder and/or trader at Dunlop given that the shops and surrounding outdoor area are all private lease – no public land to upgrade; perhaps there is already a site selected.

Assistance appreciated as the information is needed to confidently tender the scope of works for the *Improving Local Shopping Centres 2019-20* project.

Regards  
Anne

**From:** Bourne, Sarah <Sarah.Bourne@act.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 July 2019 12:05 PM  
**To:** Breckwoldt, Anne <Anne.Breckwoldt@act.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Dunlop Shops\_Local Centre Improvements\_2019-20

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Hi Anne – Sorry it has taken me so long to get back to you.

Where did you get this request from? Does Jeremy know anything about it?

Sarah

**From:** Breckwoldt, Anne <[Anne.Breckwoldt@act.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Breckwoldt@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 12:09 PM  
**To:** Bourne, Sarah <[Sarah.Bourne@act.gov.au](mailto:Sarah.Bourne@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Dunlop Shops\_Local Centre Improvements\_2019-20

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Hi Sarah

Hoping you can help.

Funds have been appropriated for Local Shopping Centres Improvements for 2019-20; this includes work at Dunlop local centre.

I am informed that the improvements at Dunlop should include a notice board and that this request came through the Minister's office. I am seeking clarification in relation to the requirements for this but not sure who I should talk to. Can you advise on this or direct me to the best contact?

Thanks  
Anne

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**From:** Breckwoldt, Anne  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 September 2019 1:24 PM  
**To:** Earl, Owen  
**Cc:** Hill, Diana; Smith, Jeremy  
**Subject:** Site Plan-Dunlop Shops  
**Attachments:** Site Plan\_Dunlop Local Shops.docx

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Hi Owen

Site plan for Dunlop local shops attached as promised.

Regards  
Anne

LOCATION PLAN - Dunlop Local Shops



**Figure 2:** Dunlop local shops with the playground on adjacent public land shown as **X**.

Shade sails to be installed over the playground and a public notice board at the shops. Location of the public notice board to be identified in consultation with traders and leaseholder.

# Better local shops in West Belco

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**Released 06/09/2019**

**The Dunlop and Fraser shops in West Belco will receive upgrades, delivering on the Government's commitment to improving public amenity and infrastructure at local shops.**

"Residents of Dunlop and Fraser can look forward to improvements at their local shops with work progressing following today's release of a tender to construct the upgrades," Minister Steel.

"Local shops are important community hubs that create a sense of belonging and provide opportunities to gather. However ageing public infrastructure can have the opposite effect. We will continue investing in new public infrastructure as our city grows.

"Fraser and Dunlop were identified as local shopping centres in need of improvements with \$800,000 allocated to help revitalise and improve access in and around the centres while also encouraging people to shop locally."

The upgrades at the Fraser shops follows previous consultation with representatives to identify what was important for a future public space upgrade at this local centre.

Priority improvements to be delivered at Fraser include:

- landscaping, including new retaining walls around existing garden bed
- improving key pathways and existing stairs to make these safer and more accessible
- improving public amenity by installing outdoor furniture in the existing courtyard.

Dunlop will receive some minor amenity improvements including a public noticeboard to help residents stay informed as well as new shade sails over the playground in the open space behind the shops to make it more family-friendly and attractive to use throughout the year.

Deputy Chief Minister and Member for Ginninderra, Yvette Berry said "It's great to see the Government investing in local infrastructure right across the city, including in West Belconnen where I am from. It's investments like these that make sure our local suburbs remain great places to live."

Construction is expected to get underway early in 2020 following finalisation of design work and will take approximately six months.

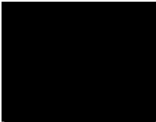
For more information on these shopping centre upgrades and previous improvements, visit [www.tccs.act.gov.au](http://www.tccs.act.gov.au) (<http://www.tccs.act.gov.au>).

**- Statement ends -**

Section: [Chris Steel, MLA](#)

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