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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 21-048

Information to be published	Status
1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice and schedule	Published
3. Documents	Published
4. Additional information identified	n/a
5. Fees	n/a
6. Processing time (in working days)	20 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



Freedom of Information Coordinator  
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

cmteddfoi@act.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Request for documents under the Freedom of Information Act 2016**

I write to request under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 the following documents, held by the Directorate and Minister's office, relating to reports that have presumably been prepared for the ACT Government's water quality projects and water infrastructure projects.

Can you please provide digital copies of all reports, surveys, modelling, documents outlining scope and any changes to scope that have presumably been prepared for the following projects:

Noting project 2017.22501.330 Isabella is for construction only, but I am looking for any reports that lead to the works.

<u>2017.22501.330</u>	<u>Isabella Weir and Wetland / Water Quality Improvement Construction</u>	CMTEDD	Contract	No	Expired	10/02/2017	31/01/2020	\$14,471,098.94	Guideline ACT Pty Ltd
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If any of the above information does not exist, please advise accordingly.

I ask that any fees and charges associated with this request be waived. I do so on the basis that

Should you require any further information or clarification about my request please contact my office on

Yours sincerely,

10 May 2021



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Dear Ms [REDACTED]

### **Freedom of Information Request - Reference 21-048**

I refer to your application for access to government information received by Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) from the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate on 12 May 2021. It is my understanding that you are seeking access to the following government information under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act):

*“Firstly, regarding 2017.22501.330 for \$14,471,098.94 to Guideline ACT*

*I am seeking documentation which led to awarding the contract e.g., preliminary analysis of the site, surveys, modelling, what was needed to be done etc. Anything prior to 1/1/2020*

*If it was included in my previous FOI request on Isabella Weir, please indicate the name of the document/s in the schedule of my previous FOI application so I can cross-check that I received them.*

*I’ve been through the information provided on the previous FOI on Isabella Weir upgrade and it certainly doesn’t appear to have addressed my request this time. Though requested, there are no reports, surveys, modelling, and the only document outlining the scope of the project is the Procurement Board minute dated 1 August 2016, which contains no justification for the \$14.4M project apart from reference to a business case, which wasn’t supplied, and a requirement to comply with the draft ACT Dam Safety Code.*

*I would be interested in the business cases for both Isabella weir upgrade \$10M and for the wetlands \$4M. The latter being required expenditure under the ACT Healthy Waterways ACT financial commitment.  
Plus any associated technical reports eg hydrology and water quality reports.”*

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the FOI Act. A decision on your application is due by 16 June 2021.

### **Decision on access**

In accordance with the FOI Act, a search was conducted of records held by TCCS and no relevant information was identified. Due to Machinery of Government changes in 2018, I am confident that the searches undertaken were reasonable and no relevant information is held by TCCS.

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### **Charges**

Pursuant to *Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2018* processing charges may be applicable where the total number of pages disclosed exceeds 50 pages. No charge is applicable to this application as no relevant information is held.

### **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 and this notice of decision will be published in the TCCS disclosure between 3 – 10 business days. Your personal details will not be published. You may view the TCCS' disclosure log [here](#).

### **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 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: [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  
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 TCCS FOI team on (02) 6207 2987 or email to [tccs.foi@act.gov.au](mailto:tccs.foi@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Cherie Hughes  
Information Officer

16 June 2021