



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COVERSHEET

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

FOI reference: 24-050

Information to be published	Status
1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice	Published
3. Schedule	Not applicable
4. Documents	Published
5. Additional information identified	Not applicable
6. Fees	Not applicable
7. Processing time (in working days)	47 days
8. Decision made by Ombudsman	Not applicable
9. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	Not applicable
10. Decision made by ACAT	Not applicable
11. Additional information identified by ACAT	Not applicable



# Freedom of Information - Access Application to Transport Canberra and City Services - Submission confirmation

Your submission has been successful. Please keep a copy of this receipt for your records.

Date and time

Reference code

08 Apr 2024 6:36:49 PM

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Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS)

GPO Box 158  
Canberra ACT 2601

Phone: 02 6207 2987

Email: TCCS.FOI@act.gov.au

## Applicant details

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[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]  
[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]

Preferred name

[Redacted]

Preferred method of contact

Phone  Email  Post

[Redacted] [Redacted]  
[Redacted] [Redacted]

## Contact postal address

[Redacted]

Preferred method to receive information \*

Email  Post

Same as contact email address

## Information request

Who are you making the request on behalf of?

Myself

What type of information are you requesting access to? \*

Other information

What information are you requesting access to under the Act? \*

I would like to see annual weighbridge totals, including both Mugga Lane and Mitchell RMC transfer stations and Mugga Lane landfill figures for the past 7 years for each separate Charity organisation in Canberra who is granted a Charity Fee Waiver for depositing waste at these facilities.

Attach a description or additional details about the information you are requesting access to (optional)

Do you have a similar or identical request currently under review by another ACT Government Directorate?

Yes  No

Are you enquiring as

A member of the public

Do you wish to apply for a waiver of fees associated with processing your application?

Yes  No

Do you hold a valid concession card?

Yes  No

Please provide your reason for requesting a fee waiver

There is no advertised price that I can find so would be unable to commit to anything other than requesting a fee waiver.

Provide a statement about how the release of information is in the public interest (optional)

I'm interested in familiarizing myself with public Waste processes and how they can be advantageous - or not - in supporting the Circular Economy in Canberra.

Would you like to provide any additional information? (optional)

Attach additional documents to support your application (optional)

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### Freedom of Information Request - Reference 24-050

I refer to your access application under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act) received by Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) on 8 April 2024. It is my understanding that you sought access to the following government information:

*"I would like to see annual weighbridge totals, including both Mugga Lane and Mitchell RMC transfer stations and Mugga Lane landfill figures since 2018/19 for each separate Charity organisation in Canberra who is granted a Charity Fee Waiver for depositing waste at these facilities."*

It is my understanding that the scope of our application relates only to the disposal of waste by charity organisations who were granted a Charity Fee Waiver and does not include the disposal of waste by other charities or businesses for the relevant period.

I thank you for including the views on public interest:

*"I'm interested in familiarizing myself with public Waste processes and how they can be advantageous – or not - in supporting the Circular Economy in Canberra".*

### Timeframes

A decision is due on your access application by 18 June 2024.

As you are aware, third-party consultation has been completed in accordance with section 38 of the FOI Act.

### Authority

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.

### Decision on access

In accordance with the FOI Act, a search of TCCS records has been completed and relevant information has been compiled in a format consistent with your request enclosed at Attachment A.

Upon reviewing the remaining two records and applying the public interest test under section 17 of the FOI Act, I have found it to be in the public interest to provide you with full access. The reasons for my decision are detailed below in the statement of reasons.

### Statement of Reasons

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

- The FOI Act; and
- The content of the documents that fall within the scope of your request.

- The *Human Rights Act 2016*.
- Third party consultation responses.

The FOI Act has pro disclosure bias, which requires information to be disclosed unless doing so would be contrary to the public interest. As an Information Officer, I must decide where, on balance, public interest lies in the disclosure of government information. Section 17(1) of the Act sets out the steps for completing the public interest test. As part of this process, I must identify all relevant factors in schedule 1 of the FOI Act. If no factor in schedule 1 is found relevant, I must then consider the factors listed in schedule 2 of the FOI Act and determine, on balance, where the public interest lies.

**Schedule 1:**

- No relevant sections identified.

**Schedule 2:**

**Factors favouring disclosure (Schedule 2.1)**

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

**Factors favouring non-disclosure (Schedule 2.2)**

- No relevant sections identified.

In reviewing the relevant record, I have considered the relevance of several factors favouring disclosure, including that the information is likely to promote open discussion of public affairs, contribute to a positive and informed debate, and inform the community about the government's operations. My review did not identify any relevant factors favouring non-disclosure.

I have found that disclosure is, on balance, in the public interest. A copy of the relevant information is enclosed at [Attachment A](#).

**Charges**

In accordance with [Freedom of Information \(Fees\) Determination 2018](#), a fee of \$0.35 per page of information disclosed, except for the first 50 pages, may be applied to an access application. No fees are applicable to this application as the number of pages being released are within the fee-free threshold.

**Online publishing – disclosure log**

Under section 28 of the Act, TCCS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. In accordance with section 28, your application, my decision, and the information disclosed to you will be published within 3 – 10 business days. Your personal information will be removed prior to publication. 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  
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



Lisa Johnson  
Information Officer

17 June 2024

Charity	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes
	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24 (Jul-Mar)
ANGLICARE (CANBERRA & GOULBURN)	79.96	45.00	20.32	21.10	30.12	17.16
BARNARDOS AUSTRALIA	12.44	11.52	11.53	4.66	6.88	4.20
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH	0.14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
KOOMARRI	69.08	89.08	32.00	65.12	42.16	33.70
LONE FATHERS ASSOCIATION	17.22	5.80	4.02	2.06	-	N/A
SALVATION ARMY SALVOS STORES	776.79	728.48	596.76	543.74	549.64	413.38
SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL PTY LTD	343.48	238.66	282.17	380.24	299.44	239.44
THE SMITH FAMILY	176.56	96.98	-	-	N/A	N/A
UNITING CARE KIPPAX	30.62	47.68	46.99	16.96	220.86	26.45
WINNUNGA ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICES	36.76	N/A	82.46	36.26	47.26	18.56
YMCA OF CANBERRA	6.82	5.08	7.18	3.50	N/A	N/A
Holy Covenant Anglican Church	N/A	N/A	0.68	0.22	0.60	0.16
Kidsafe ACT	N/A	N/A	0.92	0.94	0.52	N/A
Richmond Fellowship ACT Inc	N/A	N/A	-	5.04	0.36	0.42
Riding for the Disabled of ACT Inc (Pegasus)	N/A	N/A	-	0.54	2.86	0.38
Sanctuary Australia Limited	N/A	N/A	-	1.06	1.38	0.26
CANBERRA PCYC	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.7	14.58	18.72
South Canberra Veterans Shed Inc.	N/A	N/A	-	0.72	2.04	2.48
MARSS Australia Inc.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.48	2.85
Ngunnawal Street Pantries	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.54	N/A
ROUNDBOUT CANBERRA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.36	1.17
Everyman Australia	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	1.64
YWCA Canberra	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Lifeline Canberra	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-
Black Mountain Rowing Club	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	N/A
Whisker Woods Sanctuary	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.76
Veterans Support Centre	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,549.87</b>	<b>1,268.28</b>	<b>1,085.03</b>	<b>1,086.86</b>	<b>1,225.08</b>	<b>784.73</b>