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3. Schedule	Not Applicable
4. Documents	Published
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Dear Public Records/Information team,

Can I kindly request some freedom of information.

Can I kindly request the latest available data on:

- The amount (tons) of clean and contaminated soil sent to landfill in Canberra / ACT on an annual basis from 2022 -2024.
- Stockpiled clean and contaminated soil at landfill (if available)
- The current landfill gate fee for disposing of clean and contaminated soil

Please do let me know if you wish to discuss this over the phone/Teams.

Best,





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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Request - Reference 25-110

I refer to your application, under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act) received by the City and Environment Directorate (CED) on 16 October 2025.

You have sought access to the following government information:

"I kindly request the latest available data on

- The amount (tons) of clean and contaminated soil sent to landfill in Canberra / ACT on an annual basis from 2022 -2024.*
- Stockpiled clean and contaminated soil at landfill (if available)*
- The current landfill gate fee for disposing of clean and contaminated soil".*

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of CED under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the FOI Act, a decision is due on your application by 27 November 2025.

Decision on access

A search of records held by CED to identify relevant information has been completed and relevant information has been identified within an ICT Program. The information has been compiled into a single document in a format consistent with your application.

Upon reviewing the relevant information and applying the public interest test under section 17 of the Act, **I have decided to provide you with full access**. The reasons for my decision are provided further in the statement of reasons section. A copy of the relevant information is enclosed at [Attachment A](#).

Statement of Reasons

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

- the FOI Act;
- the content of the documents that fall within the scope of your request; and
- the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

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 must decide where, on balance, public interest lies in the disclosure of government information. Section 17(1) of the FOI 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 factors identified.

Public interest test (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; and
- Schedule 2.1(ii) contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest.

Factors favouring non-disclosure (Schedule 2.2)

- No relevant factors identified.

In reviewing the information within scope of your application, I have identified information that is likely to promote open discussion of public affairs and contribute to a positive and informed debate. As such I have placed significant weight on these factors. I also acknowledge that the pro-disclosure bias requires Information Officers to consider that the weighting of factors and consideration to the public interest begins in favour of disclosure.

In reaching my decision on access, I must also identify all factors favouring non-disclosure. In my review, I did not identify any factors favouring non-disclosure.

In this instance, I find that disclosure is, on balance, in the public interest and provide you with full access.

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 fee is applicable to your application as the total number of pages disclosed falls within the fee-free threshold.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, CED maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents released to you will be published within 3 – 10 business days. Your personal information will be deleted from these copies prior to publication in CED's [disclosure log](#).

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 Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within

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20 working days from the day that my decision is published in CED's 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

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the 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 ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
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 CED FOI team on (02) 6207 2987 or email to CED.FOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Lisa Johnson
Information Officer
City and Environment Directorate
11 November 2025

1. The amount (tons) of clean and contaminated soil sent to landfill in Canberra / ACT on an annual basis from 2022 -2024.

Site	Tonnes		
	2022	2023	2024
Mugga II Quarry	32,587	88,580	102,319
Asbestos Containing Material (ACM)	1,563	5,921	918
Beneficial Re-Use (BRU)*	26,153	81,734	100,311
Clean Fill	901	494	649
Virgin Excavation Natural Material (VENM)	3,969	431	440
Mugga Lane - RMC	231,599	187,500	230,644
Clean Fill	228,183	185,131	226,067
Contaminated Soil	3,416	2,369	4,577
Grand Total	264,186	276,080	332,963

*soil disposal is dependent on the construction work in the ACT.

2. Stockpiled clean and contaminated soil at landfill (if available)

There are no soil stockpiles at our landfills. Only small operational stockpiles are maintained on-site, which are used for daily capping and landfill construction activities. These operational stockpiles are regularly turned over and do not accumulate beyond what is needed for immediate use.

3. The current landfill gate fee for disposing of clean and contaminated soil

Fees and charges for soil disposal can be found on the [ACT Government's Fees & Charges page](#).

Item	UOM	FY	Fee/Charge
Household clean soil with no organics 0.5 tonne or more. To be placed at designated drop off areas at Mugga and Mitchell Transfer Stations.	per tonne	2025-26	\$81.35
Fill for disposal at landfill including contaminated soils (e.g. Hydrocarbons) that have been approved by the Environment Protection Authority as "Required to be disposed of within a licensed lined landfill."**	per tonne	2025-26	\$203.55
Acceptance at Mugga 2 of Beneficial Re-use Material, where the quantity of material is 100 tonnes or more.	per tonne	2025-26	\$25.10
Acceptance at Mugga 2 and handling/safe management of Non-Friable Containing Material , where the quantity of material is 40 tonnes or more.	per tonne	2025-26	\$113.40
Acceptance at Mugga 2 of Virgin Excavation Natural Material (from a single point of origin)	per tonne	2025-26	\$15.25