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City and Environment

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Our ref: CED FOI 26-175

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

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 18 June 2026. It is my understanding you are seeking access to the following information:

“I am inquiring to see if the directorate still has copies of media associated with the design and construction of the Majura Parkway, including photos/videos of construction and other promotional media/advertisements”.

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the FOI Act, CED is required to provide a decision on your application within 30 working days. Therefore, a decision is due on or by **30 July 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

Under section 43(1)(d) of the FOI Act, a respondent agency may refuse to deal with an access application wholly or in part if the government information is already available to the applicant. Section 45 sets out the circumstances in which government information is already available to the applicant. Those circumstances include where the government information is publicly available (section 45(g) of the FOI Act). The information which is available to the public that relates to your application can be viewed at the online locations outlined below.

- One 2015 Majura Parkway construction image, taken by a contract photographer can be found online here: <https://www.flickr.com/gp/tamsmediaroom/7Fqc557X37>.
- Six 2016 images of the opening of Fraser Bridge, part of the Majura Parkway, are available to view online using the following links:
 - <https://www.flickr.com/gp/tamsmediaroom/r8SuvF9WfH>
 - <https://www.flickr.com/gp/tamsmediaroom/H0S4c90E60>
 - <https://www.flickr.com/gp/tamsmediaroom/sFY6iFE86i>
 - <https://www.flickr.com/gp/tamsmediaroom/7k7qAx84Nu>
 - <https://www.flickr.com/gp/tamsmediaroom/d40983UnE0>
 - <https://www.flickr.com/gp/tamsmediaroom/5y7SZc3t09>

- The following video content is publicly available via what was previously known as the Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) YouTube account:

Majura Parkway Southbound Flyover
<https://youtu.be/voUpf0FtuQ8?si=YFqlj75yc1Kvx4Ug>
 Majura Parkway Bridges Fly around
<https://youtu.be/pFrloqBrOts?si=tOE4d-Ay41LtNWLD>
 Majura Parkway Northbound
https://youtu.be/vvmhQbXcM_s?si=3roRxoAfcPC-s_Wh

Further to what is publicly available, a search for records held by CED has been completed and one record within the scope of your application has been identified. I have decided to grant full access to the record, which is available at **Attachment A**.

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 decision, I have taken the following into account:

- the FOI Act
- the information that falls within the scope of your application and
- the ACT Ombudsman FOI Guidelines

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.*

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.

I have not identified any factors favouring nondisclosure.

Having applied the public interest test outlined in section 17 of the FOI Act, I am satisfied that the information contained in the record is in the public interest to disclose.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this application because the number of pages released to you is below the charging threshold of 50 pages.

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.

Craig Weller
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City and Environment Directorate
29 July 2026