



ACT

Government

City and Environment

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Our ref: CED FOI 26-218

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 17 July 2026. It is my understanding you are seeking access to the following information:

Lethal control:

Records showing the number of dingoes, wild dogs, free-ranging dogs, or other Canis spp. trapped, shot, euthanised, or otherwise lethally controlled by the Department, its contractors, or agents acting on its behalf during the following financial years:

2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25.

Where available, please provide the data disaggregated by method of control (e.g. trapping, shooting, baiting) and land tenure (e.g. National Park, State Forest, Crown Land, private land).

For the purposes of this request, "dingo" includes any records referring to dingo; wild dog; free-ranging dog; Canis dingo; Canis lupus dingo; Canis familiaris dingo; or any other Canis spp. managed under wild dog programs.

Bait deployment:

Records showing the number of 1080 and PAPP baits deployed by the Department, its contractors, or agents acting on its behalf during the following financial years:

2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25.

Where available, please provide the data separately for 1080 baiting; PAPP baiting; aerial deployment; and ground deployment. Where available, please also identify the land tenure on which bait deployment occurred.

Supply of baits to landholders:

Please provide records relating to the supply, distribution, sale, subsidy, or provision of 1080 and PAPP baits to private landholders during the following financial years:

2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25.

This should include the number of baits supplied; the total cost of supplying those baits; any subsidy arrangements; and whether baits were supplied free of charge.

Livestock predation claims:

Please provide records showing the number of reported livestock attacks attributed to dingoes or wild dogs; the number of livestock claimed to have been killed by dingoes or wild dogs; and the number of claims that were independently verified during the financial years 2021–22 to 2024–25. Where available, please disaggregate by livestock type.

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the FOI Act, CED is required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 working days. Therefore, a decision is due on or by 28 August 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

A search for records held by CED has been completed and information relevant to your application has been identified. The information has been compiled into six records, in a format consistent with your application. The records are listed in the schedule at **Attachment A**.

I have decided to grant full access to the six records.

The reasons for my decision are detailed in the *Statement of reasons* section below. The records being released to you are provided at **Attachment B**.

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 decisions, I have taken the following into account:

- the FOI Act
- the information that falls within the scope of your application
- 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 categories 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.*

- *Section 2.1(a)(ii) - contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest.*

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 and contributes to positive and informed debate about wildlife management in the ACT. I have placed significant weight on these factors.

Factors favouring nondisclosure (Schedule 2.2)

- *No relevant factors have been identified.*

Balancing the factors

Having applied the public interest test outlined in section 17 of the FOI Act, I have concluded that the information contained in the records is in the public interest to disclose. Accordingly, I have decided to provide you with full access.

Information about management policies and methods, and the ACT Government established Consultative Committee is available publicly at this link:

<https://www.act.gov.au/environment/animals-and-plants/animals/wildlife-management/waragul-dingoes-wild-dogs>.

Charges

Processing charges are applicable for this application because the total number of pages to be released to you exceeds the charging threshold of 50 pages. However, I have decided not to impose a fee in response to your application.

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 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

Adam Roach
Information Officer
27 August 2026