

Dear 

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Education Directorate on 19 October 2018, in which you sought access to documents relating to the finding of asbestos at Harrison School, which including all correspondence between the Education Minister Yvette Berry, the ACT Government's Education Directorate and Harrison School and between the Education Minister and the Education Directorate, and between Harrison School and the Education Directorate.

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

Decision on access

As discussed, the information you have requested forms part of the material being considered by WorkSafe ACT in relation to this matter. I am satisfied that release of the information at this time could prejudice the investigation in accordance with schedule 1, section 1.14(1)(a) of the Act.

As a result, I have decided to refuse access to the information you have requested as the release of documents is contrary to the public interest under schedule 1 of the Act. This decision is in accordance with section 35(1)(c) of the Act.

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 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in the Education Directorate'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

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.

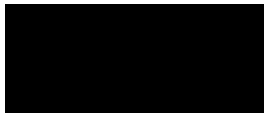
Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore St
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601

Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<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 our FOI Coordinator on (02) 6205 0720 or email EDULegalLiaison@act.gov.au

Yours sincerely



Paula Murray
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