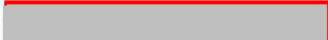




Via email: 

Dear 

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST**

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Education Directorate (the Directorate) on 24 July 2023, in which you sought access to:

*Reports from 2021, 2022 and 2023 relating to asbestos and lead paint at Hawker College, covering the computer lab, room 7.15, Science staffroom and area 3.4.*

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 Act.

The Education Directorate was required to provide a decision on your access application by 4 September 2023.

#### **Decision on access**

Searches were completed for relevant records and 32 records were identified that fall within the scope of your request.

I have included as Attachment A to this decision the schedule of relevant records. This provides a description of each record that falls within the scope of your request and the access decision for each of those records.

My access decision is to release all records to you in full.

The records you have sought are publicly available as they held at the school and are available for viewing by members of the public. Ordinarily, my decision would be to refuse to process your request in accordance with sections 43(1)(d) and 45(a) of the Act. However, I accept that there are extenuating circumstances in this case.

The records released to you are provided as Attachment B to this letter.

### **Charges**

Processing charges are not applicable for this request because the information is publicly available, free-of-charge.

### **Online publishing – disclosure log**

Under section 28 of the Act, the Directorate maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Information about your request, my decision and records released to you in response to your access application will be published in the Directorate's disclosure log between three and 10 working days after a decision on access has been provided to you. Your personal information will not be published.

You may view the Directorate's disclosure log at  
[https://www.education.act.gov.au/about\\_us/freedom\\_of\\_information/disclosure-log](https://www.education.act.gov.au/about_us/freedom_of_information/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 20 working days from the day my decision is published in the 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](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(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, please contact the Directorate's FOI team on 02 6205 0720 or email [EducationFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:EducationFOI@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Paula Murray  
Information Officer

29 August 2023