

Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)

via email: **Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**

Dear **Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)**

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by Major Projects Canberra (MPC) from Transport Canberra and City Services on 12 December 2022, in which you sought access to:

“The Light Rail Project Board met on 29 September 2021 to discuss, among other others, the Auditor-General Report: Light Rail Stage 2A Economic Analysis. I seek access to all briefing material in support of that discussion at that meeting, and relevant minutes.”

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Chief Projects Officer under section 18 of the Act to deal with access application made under Part 5 of the Act.

Decision on access

Searches were completed for relevant documents and three (3) documents were identified that fall within the scope of your request.

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

My decision in relation to the documents relevant to your request is summarised as follows:

- Partial access to one (1) document;
- Two (2) documents are available in the public domain, I have provided you links to the internet locations of these documents.

My decision is detailed further in the following statement of reasons.

Statement of Reasons

In making my decision on disclosing government information, I must identify all relevant factors in schedules 1 and 2 of the FOI Act and determine, on balance, where the public interest lies. In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

Factors favouring disclosure in the public interest (Schedule 2, Section 2.1)

- Section 2.1(a)(i) - promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government’s accountability; and
- Section 2.1(a)(ii) contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest.

The release of this information may possibly help to create positive and informed discussions. I consider that disclosing the contents of the information sought could reasonably contribute to discussion of public affairs. I am satisfied that these are relevant considerations favouring disclosure in this case, and in the interests of enhancing open discussion, I afford them significant weight.

Factor favouring non-disclosure

- Information that is out of scope of your request

Charges

As requested, I have decided to waive any charges in relation to this Freedom of Information application.

Online Publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the Act, MPC maintains an official online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents released to you in response to your access application will be published in the MPC disclosure log three (3) days after the date of the decision. Your personal contact details will not be published. You may view the MPC disclosure log at <https://www.act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra>.

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 MPC 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

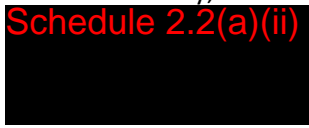
Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore Street
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au>

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please contact me by telephone on (02) 6205 5288 or email MPCFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)



Clare Guest
Information Officer
Major Project Canberra
12 January 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST SCHEDULE

Please be aware that under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*, some of the information provided to you will be released to the public through the ACT Government's Open Access Scheme. The Open Access release status column of the table below indicates what documents are intended for release online through open access.

Personal information or business affairs information will not be made available under this policy. If you think the content of your request would contain such information, please inform the contact officer immediately.

Information about what is published on open access is available online at: <https://www.act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra/home>

| FOI Reference Number | | Request Details | | | | |
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| MPCFOI2022/28 | | <i>The Light Rail Project Board met on 29 September 2021 to discuss, among other others, the Auditor-General Report: Light Rail Stage 2A Economic Analysis. I seek access to all briefing material in support of that discussion at that meeting, and relevant minutes.</i> | | | | |
| Ref No. | No. of Folios | Description | Date | Status | Reason for non-release or partial release | Open Access release status |
| 1. | 4 | Project Board Minutes Light Rail Project Board Meeting of 29 September 2021 | 29 September 2021 | Partial | Out of Scope Information | Y |
| 2. | - | Project Board Paper - Item 12 - Auditor General's Report - Light Rail Stage 2A - Economic Analysis | 24 September 2021 | Publicly Available: Report No.8 of 2021- Canberra Light Rail Stage 2A: Economic Analysis (act.gov.au) | | Y |

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| 3. | - | Project Board Paper - Item 12 - Media Release | 24 September 2021 | Publicly Available: Media Release - Report No.8 of 2021- Canberra Light Rail Stage 2A Economic Analysis (act.gov.au) | | Y |
| Total Number of Documents | | | | | | |
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Minutes

Subject Light Rail Project Board Meeting #96

Date 29 September 2021

Location Via video conference

Prepared by Vilma Bell

Members Present

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| Greg Wilson | 'GW: | Independent Chair |
| Stephen Miners | 'SM' | Deputy Chair, Acting Under-Treasurer, CMTEDD |
| Alison Playford | 'AP' | Director-General, TCCS |
| Ben Ponton | 'BP' | Director-General, EPSD |
| Malcolm Snow | 'MS' | Chief Executive Officer, CRA |

Attendees

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| Duncan Edghill | 'DE' | Chief Projects Officer, MPC |
| Shaun Strachan | 'SS' | Deputy Chief Projects Officer, MPC |
| Nikki Pulford | 'NP' | Secretariat, MPC |
| Vilma Bell | 'VB' | A/g Minutes Secretary, MPC |
| Ashley Cahif | 'AC' | Project Director, Light Rail City to Woden, MPC |
| Tania Navarro | 'TN' | Senior Director, Communications, MPC |
| David Asteraki | 'DA' | Director, Infrastructure Finance, CMTEDD |
| Glen Hassett | 'GH' | Proxy - Observer, CMTEDD |
| David Doctor | 'DD' | Executive Branch Manager, Technical Development Light Rail, MPC |
| Jo Dawson | 'JD' | Executive Branch Manager, Light Rail Operations, TCCS |

Apologies

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| Wilhelmina Blount | 'WB' | Observer, CMTEDD |
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| 12 | <p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">DE advised the Board that the Auditor-General has released their report on the Light Rail Stage 2A Economic Analysis with a Government response to the three recommendations of the report to be tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly by 24 January 2021. The Board noted that figures were released by the report that had been redacted when the Stage 2A Business Case was released to the public.<i>The Board noted the update.</i> |
| | <p>The Chair closed the Meeting at 12.00pm</p> |