

Our reference: **ACTHDFOI24-25.21**

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Dear [REDACTED]

DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act), received by ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) on **Wednesday 28 May 2025**.

This application requested access to:

'Any letters or correspondence, including via email or text, from WorkSafe ACT or the WorkSafe ACT Commissioner to anyone within the ACT Health directorate informing them that any workplace or worker has been issued a provisional improvement notice, improvement notice, prohibition notice, non-disturbance notice, infringement notice or similar from January 1, 2021 until May 28, 2025.

Any letters or correspondence, including via email or text, from WorkSafe ACT or the WorkSafe ACT Commissioner to anyone within the ACT Health Directorate informing them that a search warrant has been obtained in relation to any workplace, building or worker in those directorates from January 1, 2021 until May 28, 2025.

Any ministerial briefs or correspondence to any relevant Minister regarding any action or correspondence from WorkSafe ACT to or regarding any building, worker, facility or workplace within ACT Health.

Information held by ACT Health regarding a notifiable incident as defined under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011. This includes and is not limited to correspondence, letters, emails, texts or messages or other communications between WorkSafe ACT, Canberra Health Services and ACT Health. This includes internal correspondence and any ministerial briefs.

This request includes notifications, notices and ministerial briefs about workplaces including but not limited to:

- *Dhulwa Mental Health Unit*
- *Gawanggal Mental Health Unit*
- *Canberra Hospital*
- *North Canberra Hospital*
- *University of Canberra Hospital*
- *Walk-in Centres'*

I write to you as an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) under section 18 of the FOI Act to respond to access applications made under Part 5 of the Act. ACTHD was required to provide a decision on your access application by **Friday 11 July 2025**.

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- The FOI Act;
- The contents of the documents that fall within the scope of your request;
- The *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Decisions

ACTHD does not hold information relevant to the scope of your application in accordance with section 35(1)(b) of the FOI Act.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable to this request.

Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, ACTHD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. The scope of your access application, my decision and documents released to you will be published in the disclosure log not less than three days but not more than 10 days after the date of this decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

<https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/freedom-information/disclosure-log>.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI 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 ACT Health'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
Via email: ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au
Website: ombudsman.act.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
Allara House
15 Constitution Avenue
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Further assistance

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please do not hesitate to contact the ACT Health Directorate FOI Coordinator on (02) 5124 9831 or email HealthFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Angela Schacht
Executive Branch Manager
ACT Health Directorate
12 June 2025