



**Our Ref:** iCBRFOI2526/49

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### **Authority**

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.

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, iCBR is required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 days. Therefore, a decision is due by 23 April 2026.

### **Decision on access**

Searches were completed for relevant information and 10 items were identified as within scope of your request.

I have not yet provided you with a copy of the relevant documents. This is because I have decided to defer access to the information requested under section 49 of the FOI Act.



I have done this because relevant third party has objected to disclosure of identified information. I am required to defer access to this information to give the third party the opportunity to apply for a review of my decision. They will have 20 working days to do so from when my decision is published on our disclosure log (see below).

I will provide you with a copy of the document when access is no longer deferred or advise you that a review process is underway so you can participate if you wish.

In the interest of efficiency, I have deferred access to all remaining information as access to the requested information will be provided when the third party deferral notice period is completed (20 working days from the date this notice is published on our disclosure log).

You will be sent a copy of the relevant documents on or before this date.

### **Charges**

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

### **Online Publishing – Disclosure Log**

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### **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 on the iCBR 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](mailto:actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au)



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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 via email

[iCBR.FOI@act.gov.au](mailto:iCBR.FOI@act.gov.au).

Please ensure you quote your reference number: **iCBRFOI2526/49**

Yours sincerely,

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Izzie Gosling

Information Officer

**Infrastructure Canberra**

23/04/2026

## 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/iCBR/home>

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1.	0.	Release Schedule	08/05/2026	-	-	Yes
2.	00.	Decision Letter	08/05/2026	-	-	Yes



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3.	Part 1: 1 – 4	Document 1: 21568-RFT-006 NSP Design Services - Addendum Notice 7	30/11/2023	Full release	-	yes
4.	Part 1: 5 – 6	Document 2: Birth Centre - Functional Design Brief Review DRAFT - 9.12.25	09/12/2025	Partial release	<i>Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)</i>	yes
5.	Part 1: 7 – 17	Document 3: HA0379.02.05_Birth Centre v2.0	09/12/2025	Full release	-	yes
6.	Part 1: 18 – 24	Document 4: SoR - Design Consultant - Enabling Works	-	Full release	-	yes
7.	Part 1: 25 – 29	Document 5: 2. NHTA-01-Concept Design Report Section D, Option 1D	10/03/2023	Full release	-	yes
8.	Part 2: 1 – 131	Document 6: 240822_Northside Hospital Reference Design Report_FINAL (3)	22/08/2024	Full release	-	yes
9.	Part 3: 1 – 8	Document 7: NHTA-01-Concept Design Report Section C, Option 1A	10/03/2023	Full release	-	yes
10.	Part 3: 9 – 32	Document 8: RFT - CRCA - ICA Panel - Design Consultant - Enabling Works	27/09/2023	Full release	-	yes
11.	Part 3: 33 – 43	Document 9: Stand alone and stand adjacent BC Options	-	Full release	-	yes
12.	Part 4	Document 10: Document title	-	Deferred	Deferred	-
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On 23 April 2026 the Information Officer wrote to you advising the pack has been deferred under relevant sections:

- Section 38(6)(b) – defer giving access to the information of concern to the relevant third party, and



- Section 49(1)(a) the respondent may defer giving access to government information for a reasonable period (not longer than 3 months) as the information was prepared with the intention that it be formally published within a stated time.

### **Decision on access**

To facilitate timely access to the identified information I have decided to progress a partial release pack now not being deferred. Information which is currently deferred subject to third party objection will remain deferred until the review period is completed. A subsequent pack will be provided when the review period is concluded.

The documents identified as applicable to your application are listed on the Release Schedule enclosed. The Release Schedule provides a short 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 summarised as follows:

- partial access, to one item,
- full release to eight items, and
- deferred access to one item

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 Schedule 2 of the 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 governments accountability;*
- *Section 2.1(a)(iii) – inform the community of government operations*

The Northside Hospital Project is an important infrastructure project that will enhance the medical care of ACT individuals. I consider it in the public interest that the processes iCBR and its staff undertake in delivering projects such as this are demonstrated in the information identified. 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.

#### **Factors favouring non-disclosure in the public interest (Schedule 2, Section 2.1)**

- *Section 2.2(a)(ii) – prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the Human Rights Act 2004;*

I consider that the protection of an individual's right to privacy, especially during dealings with the ACT Government is a significant factor as the parties involved have provided their personal contact information for the purposes of working with the ACT Government. I have considered this information and in my opinion the protection of individuals' personal details outweighs the benefit which may be



derived from releasing them. I consider that individuals are entitled to expect that the personal information they have supplied as part of this process to the ACT Government will be dealt with in a manner that protects their privacy.

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