

Our reference: CIT2023-002

[REDACTED]

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION

I refer to the access application made by [REDACTED] under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act) to the ACT Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD). This application was partially transferred to the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) on 8 August 2023. In your application you requested the following information which was most likely to be held by the CIT:

- *All correspondence and documentation between the CEO of CIT and the Minister for Skills or his staff, surrounding a potential conflict of interest declared between the CEO of CIT's relationship to Think Garden CEO, Patrick Hollingworth and the subsequent contracts awarded to his company.*
- *All correspondence and documentation between the CEO of CIT, Leanne cover, and the Minister for Skills or his staff, surrounding a potential conflict of interest between the CIT CEO and Patrick Hollingworth for all contracts first executed from 27 July 2017 until 28 March 2022 inclusive of contracted entities: Redrouge, Think Garden and Trustee for the Patrick Hollingworth Family Trust.*

Authority

I am a Senior Executive officer appointed as a CIT Information Officer to make decisions about access to government information, in accordance with section 18 of the FOI Act.

Decision

CIT has undertaken a search of hardcopy and electronic documents and has failed to identify any documentation in relation to your request. The search was conducted using the information you provided.

I am satisfied that appropriate searches have been conducted and that no information relevant to your request is held by the CIT.

Charges

Pursuant to Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2018 processing charges are not applicable for this request because no pages are to be released to you.

Disclosure log

Section 28 of the FOI Act requires publication of access applications and any information subsequently released on CIT's disclosure log at:

https://cit.edu.au/about/freedom_of_information/disclosure_log.

This request will be published within 10 days from the date of decision. Your personal information will not be published.

Review rights

You may apply to the ACT Ombudsman to review my decision under section 73 of the FOI Act. An application for review must be made in writing within 20 days of my decision being published in the disclosure log.

You may submit a request for review of my decision to the ACT Ombudsman by writing in one of the following ways:

Email (preferred): actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au
Post: The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

More information about ACT Ombudsman review is available on the ACT Ombudsman website at: <http://www.ombudsman.act.gov.au/improving-the-act/freedom-of-information>.

Yours sincerely



Meghan Oldfield
Executive Director, Corporate Services &
CIT Information Officer
17 August 2022

