

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST (FOI)

Post to:

*The FOI Coordinator
Canberra Institute of Technology
GPO Box 826
CANBERRA ACT 2601*

or email to:

officeofthechiefexecutive@cit.act.edu.au

or fax to:

02 6207 3392

Or deliver to:

*Office of the Chief Executive
Canberra Institute of Technology
Cnr Constitution Ave and Coranderrk St
REID ACT*

Name of applicant:

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

Telephone: (work)

(home)

(mobile)

[REDACTED]

I would like to access the following document/ s

All documentation relating to a complaint

[REDACTED]

(if insufficient space, attach separate sheet of paper)

I would like:



To inspect these documents



A copy of these documents sent to the above address

I seek remission of the processing charges pursuant with section 29 of the Act on the grounds of:



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Public Interest



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Other grounds (please describe below)

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Dear 

Freedom of Information (FOI) Request - 7 May 2020

I refer to your application received by Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) on 7 May 2020 in which you sought access to information under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 (the Act).

Your application indicates that you seek copies of the following documents to be provided:

"All documentation relating to compliant 

CIT is now considering your request and in accordance with section 40 of the FOI Act, we are required to provide you with a decision on access to documents within the terms of the request within 20 working days of receipt, being on 5 June 2020.

Third Party Consultation

In considering your application, consultation with relevant third parties may be required. If this is the case you will be notified to this effect and advised of a revised decision due date in respect of your application. In line with the Act, if third party consultation is required, the due date may be extended by 15 working days.

Charges

Please be aware that processing charges may be payable in relation to your request. Should you be liable to pay a processing charge, you will be notified in writing of the preliminary assessment and given the opportunity to make an application that the charge should be remitted in whole or in part. This may affect the time within which your application is processed.

Open Access information

The FOI Act requires that details regarding your request such as your application, decision notices, and information released to you, must be recorded in the agency disclosure log and be made publicly available three working days after a decision on access has been given to you. Please be aware that while no personal information will be included in the published information all other information will be published on:

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

Should you have any queries in relation to your request please contact the CIT FOI Coordinator, Charles Holland on 02 6207 0751 or charles.holland@cit.edu.au

Yours sincerely



Andrew Whale
Executive Director, Corporate Services &
Information Officer

11 May 2020

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION

I refer to your access application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act), dated 7 May 2020, and received by Canberra Institute of Technology on 7 May 2020 (Attachment A).

This application requested access to: inspect “All documentation relating to a complaint” [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

You then provided an amended application for a copy of “All documentation relating to a complaint” [REDACTED] (Attachment B)

I am an information officer appointed by Canberra Institute of Technology to make decisions about access to government information, in accordance with section 18 of the FOI Act.

Decision

I have identified 201 documents holding information within the scope of your access application. I have decided to refuse access to all these documents under section 35(1)(c) of the FOI Act. This is because they contain information that is contrary to the public interest, as these documents hold information that is the subject of an active complaint made to the Human Rights Commission that has not yet been finalised. Schedule 1 section 1.8(b) and Schedule 2.2 (a)(xiv) of the FOI Act provide that the disclosure of such information is taken to be contrary to the public interest.

Noting the reasons for my decision, you may wish to submit another access application when the Human Rights Commission has finalised the handling of that complaint.

Disclosure log

Please note that section 28 of the FOI Act requires publication of access applications and any information subsequently released on our disclosure log at:
https://cit.edu.au/about/freedom_of_information/disclosure_log.

This means that if access to the information is granted, it will also be made publicly available on CIT’s Freedom of Information Disclosure Log at

https://CIT.edu.au/about/freedom_of_information/disclosure_log webpage, unless the access application is an application for your personal, business, commercial, financial or professional information.

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 within 20 days of receipt of this decision notice.

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

Paul Ryan

Paul Ryan
Executive Director
Industry Engagement and Strategic Relations

2 June 2020