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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate –
Notice provided to the Ombudsman under section 39 of the
Freedom of Information Act 2016**

**Mr Mick Gentleman MLA
Minister for Planning and Land Management
November 2021**



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ACT Ombudsman

Via email: ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au

Dear Mr ~~Manthorpe~~ *Michael*

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – NOTICE TO OMBUDSMAN THAT DECISION WAS NOT MADE IN TIME

I refer to a Freedom of Information access application (21/62059) received by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) on 14 July 2021 made under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), relating to a request for ‘subject lines of all final Ministerial Briefs since 14 June 2021’.

I am writing to inform you that due to processing delays with finalising the requested information, a decision on the release of information was not made in the time allowed under section 40 of the Act. The legislated decision due date was 21 October 2021. The decision was made on 22 October, and the letter and documents were dispatched to the applicant the same day, one (1) day after the legislated date.

I also confirm that EPSDD is committed to meeting the timelines for FOI processing under statutory requirements and will look to avoid such delays in future.

The decision pack can be viewed on the EPSDD [Disclosure Log](#).

Yours sincerely,

Geoffrey Rutledge

Deputy Director General, Environment, Water and Emissions Reduction

5 November 2021