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Dear ACT DPP

I am [REDACTED] and would like to be provided the following information:

All documents related to the recent public statement issued by the ACT Director of Public Prosecutions and other Directors in support of Ms. Sally Dowling the NSW DPP, including, but not limited to:

- (i) Emails, texts or other "app" messages related to the organisation and preparation of the statement
- (ii) Drafts of the statement should they exist
- (iii) Emails, texts or other "app" messages between the signatories relating to the statement including prior to and after its issuance.
- (iv) All communications between the ACT DPP and Ms. Sally Dowling relating to the statement including prior to and after its issuance.

I would anticipate these records would reside on the Director's phone and computer and should be able to be quickly identified and collated.

Please be advised I will make a formal application if necessary (and likely seek review of any refusal should there be merit in such review). Accordingly, I am hoping this can be avoided by speedy provision of the material.

My contact details are:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]



ACT Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

13 October 2026



Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION – NOTICE OF DECISION

I refer to your request for information under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* ('the FOI Act'), received 8 August 2026.

You have sought access to the following information:

- All documents related to the recent public statement issued by the ACT Director of Public Prosecutions and other Directors in support of Ms. Sally Dowling the NSW DPP, including, but not limited to:
 - Emails, texts or other “app” messages related to the organisation and preparation of the statement
 - Drafts of the statement should they exist
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 - All communications between the ACT DPP and Ms. Sally Dowling relating to the statement including prior to and after its issuance.

Authority

I am an information officer appointed by the Director of Public Prosecutions under s 18 to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the FOI Act.

Decision

I have decided to grant access to the information per s 35(1)(a).

Please note that where information which is not within scope of your request is contained within the released documents, that information has been removed. Some information has also been redacted to protect the personal privacy of individuals involved (see further below).

As ACT DPP has consulted with relevant third parties under s 38, you will not be provided with access to the documents to which the consultation pertained per s 38(6)(b) until after:

- i) all third parties have provided written notice that they do not intend to make an application for review; or
- ii) if no notice is given, the end of the review period, being 20 days under s 74(a); or
- iii) if an application for review is made, after the review has ended.

Statement of reasons

In accordance with s 54(2) of the FOI Act, please find below a statement of reasons for my decision.

I am required to determine whether the information within scope of your request is in the public interest to release. To make this decision, I am required to:

- assess whether the information is taken to be contrary to the public interest information as identified in Schedule 1 of the FOI Act; and
- assess the test set out in s 17 to determine whether disclosure of the information would be contrary to the public interest by balancing factors identified in Schedule 2 of the FOI Act and any other relevant factors as favouring disclosure or nondisclosure.

I do not consider that any Schedule 1 factors apply.

Schedule 2 factors favouring disclosure

- (i) promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability;
- (ii) contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest;

Schedule 2 factors favouring non-disclosure

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

Personal information relating to the individuals involved (such as contact details or discussion of personal circumstances) has been redacted from the material provided.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this request.

Disclosure

Per s 52, I am required to inform you that your access application will be published on the ACT DPP disclosure log.

Review

This decision is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review under s 73. If you wish to seek review, you must do so within 20 working days of this decision or a longer period provided by the Ombudsman. For further information about how to apply to the Ombudsman for review, you may wish to consult the ACT Ombudsman's [website](#).

If a decision is made by the Ombudsman under s 82(2), you may apply to the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) for review of the Ombudsman's decision under s 84 of the FOI Act. Further information can be found on the ACAT's [website](#).

If you have any queries in relation to your request, please contact the ACT DPP via email at DPPFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours faithfully,

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Policy Lawyer

ACT Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions