



WALCHA COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2011 - 2012

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Act 2009 – Annual Report 2011-2012

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Section 125 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 requires the preparation of an Annual Report. This report has been prepared in accordance with 7 of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009.

A review of information held by Council was undertaken. The following is a list of documents that Council has made available as a result of the review, and under its obligation to proactively release information:

- Rates information – pensioner rebates, payment information, waters charges, land valuation information & contacts
- Councillor biography
- Local government election and ward information
- Emergency services information
- Social community plan
- HACC services information
- Library services information
- Walcha & District Historical Society service information
- Draft policy for discharge liquid trade waste to sewerage system
- Companion animals management plan
- EPA licensing monitoring results
- Draft LEP 2012
- Fees & Charges 2011/12
- State of Environment Report 2010/11
- NEWA Pesticide Notification Plan 2012/13

Please find attached tables A through to H, produced by the GIPA reporting tool.

GIPA Annual Report – Table A

Schedule 2 Statistical information about access applications to be included in annual report.

Table A: Number of applications by type of applicant and outcome*								
	Access granted in full	Access granted in part	Access refused in full	Information not held	Information already available	Refuse to deal with application	Refuse to confirm/deny whether information is held	Application withdrawn
Media	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members of Parliament	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not for Profit Organisations or Community Groups	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members of the Public (application by legal representative)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members of the Public (other)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private Sector Business	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*More than one decision can be made in respect of a particular access application. If so, a recording must be made in relation to each such decision. This also applies to Table B

GIPA Annual Report – Table B

Table B: Number of applications by type of application and outcome								
	Access Granted in Full	Access Granted in Part	Access Refused in Full	Information Not Held	Information Already Available	Refuse to Deal With Application	Refuse confirm/deny whether information is held	Application Withdrawn
Personal information applications*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Access applications (other than personal information applications)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Access applications that are partly personal information applications and partly other.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* A **personal information application** is an access application for personal information (as defined in Clause 4 Schedule 4 to the Act) about the applicant (the applicant being an individual).

GIPA Annual Report – Table C

Table C: Invalid Applications	
Reason for Invalidity	No of Applications
Application does not comply with formal requirements (section 41 of Act)	0
Application is for excluded information of the agency (section 43 of Act)	0
Application contravenes restraint order (section 110 of the Act)	0
Total number of invalid applications recieved	0
Invalid applications that subsequently became valid applications	0

GIPA Annual Report – Table D

Table D: Conclusive presumption of overriding public interest against disclosure: matters listed in Schedule 1 to Act	
	Number of Times Consideration Used*
Overriding secrecy Laws	0
Cabinet Information	0
Executive Council Information	0
Contempt	0
Legal Professional Privilege	0
Excluded Information	0
Documents affecting law enforcement and public safety	0
Transport Safety	0
Adoption	0
Care and protection of children	0
Ministerial code of conduct	0
Aboriginal and environmental heritage	0

* More than one public interest consideration may apply in relation to a particular access application and, if so, each such consideration is to be recorded (but only once per application). This also applies in relation to Table E.

GIPA Annual Report – Table E

Table E: Other public interest considerations against disclosure: matters listed in table to section 14 of Act	
	Number of occasions when application not successful
Responsible and effective government	0
Law enforcement and security	0
Individual rights, judicial processes and natural justice	0
Business interests of agencies and other persons	0
Environment, culture, economy and general matters	0
Secrecy provisions	0
Exempt documents under interstate Freedom of Information legislation	0

GIPA Annual Report – Table F

Table F: Timeliness	
	Number of Applications
Decided within the statutory timeframe (20 days plus any extensions)	0
Decided after 35 days (by agreement with applicant)	0
Not decided within time (deemed refusal)	0
Total	0

GIPA Annual Report – Table G

Table G: Number of applications reviewed under Part 5 of the Act (by type of review and outcome)			
	Decision Varied	Decision Upheld	Total
Internal review	0	0	0
Review by Information Commissioner*	0	0	0
Internal review following recommendation under section 93 of Act	0	0	0
Review by ADT	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*The Information Commissioner does not have the authority to vary decisions, but can make recommendations to the original decision-maker. The data in this case indicates that a recommendation to vary or uphold the original decision has been made by the Information Commissioner.

GIPA Annual Report – Table H

Table H: Applications for review under Part 5 of the Act (by type of applicant)	
	Number of applicants for review
Applications by access applicants	0
Applications by persons to whom information the subject of access application (see section 54 of the Act)	0