

# Formal Access Request

### **ACCESS APPLICATION - FORMAL GIPA**

Please complete this form to apply for formal access to government information under the *Government Information* (*Public Access*) *Act 2009 NSW (GIPA Act*). If you need help in filling out this form, please contact the Right to Information Officer on 4939 1019 or visit our website: <a href="https://www.maitland.nsw.gov.au">www.maitland.nsw.gov.au</a>. A set of tips on how to prepare your application can be found at <a href="https://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/checklist-tips-framing-your-information-access-application">https://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/checklist-tips-framing-your-information-access-application</a>

Once completed please email your application to info@maitland.nsw.gov.au

1.YOUR DETAILS				
Surname:		Title: Mr /Ms		
Other names:				
Address:		Postcode:		
Phone no:	Fax no:			
Email address:		*Please print*		
The questions below are optional and the information will only be used for the purposes of providing better service.				
Place of birth: Main language spoken:				
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander: Yes / No (circle one)				
Do you have special needs for assistance with this application?				
I agree to receive correspondence at the above email address.				
2. FORM OF ACCESS				
How do you wish to access the information?				
☐ PDF/Electronic copy of the document/s ☐ Inspect document(s) ☐ Other (please specify)				
3. APPLICATION FEE				
Payment of the \$30.00 application fee can be made by using following methods: (please tick ☑ your chosen method)  ☐ Credit Card – by phone or in person ☐ Cheque – attached to this application				
Note: if you wish to pay by credit card please provide a contact number for Council to contact you once your application has been received.				
Date application received:	Receipt no:			
Horizon Correspondence reference:	(Office to complete this section	n)		

4. DISCOUNT IN PROCESSING CHARGES	
You may be asked to pay a charge for processing the application (\$30 / hour) 50% reduction in their processing charges. If you wish to apply for a discount    Financial hardship – please attach supporting documentation (e.g. a pension    Special benefit to the public – please specify why below:	t, please indicate the reason:
5. <b>PROOF OF IDENTITY</b> (ONLY REQUIRED WHEN AN APPLICANT IS REQUESTING BEHALF)	NG INFORMATION ON THEIR OWN
When seeking access to personal information, you must provide proof of ider any one of the following documents:	ntity in the form of a <i>certified</i> copy of
Australian driver's licence (with photograph, signature and current address)	Current Australian passport
Other proof of signature and current address details.	
C. COVERNMENT INFORMATION	
6. GOVERNMENT INFORMATION	
Please describe the information you would like to access in enough detail to a Note: If you do not give enough details about the information, the agency ma	•
Are you seeking personal information? Yes / No (circle one)	
If you have applied at any time to another agency for substantially the same in the other agency:	formation, please provide the name of

## 7. **DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION REQUESTED** (if applicable)

Available to general public		(Please indicate requirements ✓)
Development consent		
Construction certificate		
Occupational certificate		
☐ Building permit		
Site plans and elevations	☐ View only	Photocopies (only with Copyright Owner's permission
Statement of environmental	effects  View only	Photocopies (only with Copyright Owner's permission
Other (please specify)		
Available to current registered	d owner only *(or pe	erson with owner's written consent)
☐ Internal floor plans		Photocopies (only with Copyright Owner's permission)
Specifications	☐ View only	Photocopies (only with Copyright Owner's permission)
Engineers details	☐ View only [	Photocopies (only with Copyright Owner's permission)
Property owner/s consent – a	all owners must sig	gn
	(prin	t name)
(signature)		,
	(prin	t name)
(signature)		
Copyright owner/s conser	nt – i.e. Plan draw	er or architect
	(print	name)
(signature)	·	

### **APPLICATION DECLARATION:**

- I understand that I will not be able to remove any information from Council's Custody.
- I understand that the following documents cannot be viewed and/or copied.
  - Documents subject to legal professional privilege
  - Commercial information that prejudices the position of the person who supplied it or reveals a trade secret.
  - Documents affecting law enforcement and public safety or personal affairs of third parties or personnel matters.
  - Internal working documents.
  - Documents the subject of secrecy provisions or contain confidential information.
  - Documents affecting financial and property interests.
- I understand that I must seek the Copyright Owner/s Consent to be provided any part of a copyright document for any purpose.
- I understand that I will be required to pay a charge for any photocopies that I may require. Payment of any photocopying charges is required prior to Council releasing the requested documentation.

## 8. DISCLOSURE LOG

If the information sought is released to you and we consider it may be of interest to other members of the public, details about your application may be recorded in the agency's 'disclosure log'. This is published on our website. If you object to this, we must first decide if you are entitled to object and if so, whether the objection outweighs the general public interest in including this information in the disclosure log.

You can only object to the inclusion of information on an agency's disclosure log for one or more of the following grounds:

- The information includes personal information about you (or a deceased person for whom you are the personal representative)
- The information concerns your business, commercial, professional or financial interests
- The information concerns research that has been, or is being, or is intended to be, carried out by or on your behalf
- The information concerns the affairs of a government of the Commonwealth or another State (and you are entitled to act on behalf of that government agency).

Do you object to this? Yes / No (circle one)

Please note: if an agency decides to include information in its disclosure log despite your objection, you can seek a review of this decision.

#### 9. THIRD PARTY CONSULTATION

Under section 54 of the GIPA Act, if the information you are requesting contains information about another person, business or government agency, Maitland City Council may be required to consult with third parties before deciding on your application. The purpose of this consultation is for Maitland City Council to determine whether the third party has an objection to disclosure of some, or all, of the information being requested. Please indicate whether you consent to your identity as an applicant being disclosed to the involved third party:

Do you object to this? Yes / No (circle one)

10. YOUR SIGNATURE:		
Signature of Applicant	Date	

#### PRIVACY & PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION NOTICE:

Council is committed to protecting your privacy and takes all reasonable steps to comply with relevant legislation.

- Purpose of collection: Public access to Council's documents.
- Intended recipients: Council staff and is publicly available under the Government Information Public Access Act 2009.
- Supply: Voluntary, a consequence of non-provision is that insufficient information will be provided.
- Access / Correction: Requests for access / correction of information under the Government Information (Public Access)
  Act or Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act 1998, contact the Council's Public Access Coordinator.
- Storage: This form will be placed on a relevant file and/or will be saved on Councils main records management database when the request has been processed and the enquiry is completed.

General information about the GIPA Act is available viewing the Information and Privacy Commission NSW on 1800 472 679 or visit the IPC's website: <a href="https://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au">www.ipc.nsw.gov.au</a>

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