

Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 ACCESS APPLICATION

Please complete this form to apply for formal access to government information under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA Act). Please forward to the Right to Information Officer, Mid-Western Regional Council, PO Box 156 (or 86 Market Street) Mudgee, NSW, 2850, or by email to council@midwestern.nsw.gov.au. If you need help in filling out this form, please contact the Right to Information Officer on 02 6378 2850 or visit our website at www.midwestern.nsw.gov.au.

1 Your details

Surname: _____ Title: Mr Mrs Ms Dr
Other Names: _____
Postal address: _____ Postcode: _____
Day-time telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____
Email: _____

The questions below are optional and the information will only be used for the purposes of providing better service.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander: (tick one) Yes No

Do you have special needs for assistance with this application: _____

I agree to receive correspondence at the above email address.

2 Proof of identity

Only required when you are requesting information on your own behalf.

When seeking access to personal information, you must provide proof of identity in the form of a certified copy of any one of the following documents:

- Australian driver's licence with photograph, signature and current address Current Australian passport
 Other proof of signature and current address details

Office use only

Date application received: _____

File reference: _____

3 Government Information

Please describe the information you would like to access in enough detail to allow us to identify it. We also request you include your reasons for requesting the information. Your reasons for requesting is optional, however they can form part of the application consideration.

Note: If you do not give enough details about the information, the Council may refuse to process your application.

Are you seeking personal information? (tick one) Yes No

If you have applied at any time to another agency for substantially the same information, please provide the name of the other agency

4 Form of access

How do you wish to access the information?

- Inspect the document (s) A copy of the document (s)
- Access in another way (please specify)

5 Application Fee

I attach payment of the **\$30 application fee** by (tick one)

- cash cheque money order credit card authority

(Note: please do NOT send cash by post. Payment must be made to Mid-Western Regional Council. Credit Card Authority forms can be found on Council's website)

6 Third Party Consultation

Under section 54 of the GIPA Act, if the information you are requesting contains information about another person, business or agency, the Council may be required to consult with third parties before deciding your application. The purpose of this consultation is for the agency 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 and the reason for your request being disclosed to the involved third party:

Do you object to this? (tick one) Yes No

7 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? (tick one) Yes No

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

8 Discount in processing charges

You may be asked to pay a charge for processing the application (\$30 / hour). Some applicants may be entitled to a 50% reduction in their processing charges. If you wish to apply for a discount, please indicate the reason:

Financial hardship – please attach supporting documentation (eg a pension or Centrelink card).

AND / OR

Special benefit to the public – please specify why below:

Your signature: _____

Date: _____

General information about the GIPA Act is available by calling the Information and Privacy Commission on 1800 472 679 or visit the IPC's website: www.ipc.nsw.gov.au