

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CASE NOTES**

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### **Third party business information *Information Act s.55***

An NT Government officer conducted an inspection of business premises and created notes which stated that certain aspects of the premises were non-compliant with required standards. The notes further questioned the competence of a private company which had assessed the premises as compliant. An FOI application was made for a copy of the notes. The company which had assessed the premises objected to the release of the notes on the basis that they contained the company's confidential business information, and would adversely impact the company's business if released. The Information Commissioner dismissed the complaint. The information in question was plainly not confidential business information belonging to that business, but information the Government inspector had been able to readily observe by visiting premises belonging to another business.