

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CASE NOTES**

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### **Third Party complaints** ***Information Act s.30***

An FOI applicant sought statistics about the number of products sold by certain companies in the Northern Territory. The applicant argued that there were community implications for the use of these products, and so there was a public interest in knowing the quantity of these products being used in the NT. The Third Parties argued that the data ought to be exempt because it revealed commercially valuable information about their marketing strategy. The applicant elected not to proceed with the application but indicated he may re-apply once the five-year time limit expires and the commercial-in-confidence exemption no longer applies.